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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2	from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2
10 ILCS 5/4-6.2	from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.2
10 ILCS 5/4-12	from Ch. 46, par. 4-12
10 ILCS 5/5-15	from Ch. 46, par. 5-15
10 ILCS 5/5-16.2	from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.2
10 ILCS 5/6-44	from Ch. 46, par. 6-44
10 ILCS 5/6-50.2	from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.2
10 ILCS 5/7-1	from Ch. 46, par. 7-1
10 ILCS 5/7-2	from Ch. 46, par. 7-2
10 ILCS 5/7-7	from Ch. 46, par. 7-7
10 ILCS 5/7-8	from Ch. 46, par. 7-8
10 ILCS 5/7-8.01	from Ch. 46, par. 7-8.01
10 ILCS 5/7-9	from Ch. 46, par. 7-9
10 ILCS 5/7-10	from Ch. 46, par. 7-10
10 ILCS 5/7-12	from Ch. 46, par. 7-12
10 ILCS 5/7-13	from Ch. 46, par. 7-13
10 ILCS 5/7-17	from Ch. 46, par. 7-17
10 ILCS 5/7-19	from Ch. 46, par. 7-19
10 ILCS 5/7-25	from Ch. 46, par. 7-25
10 ILCS 5/7-46	from Ch. 46, par. 7-46
10 ILCS 5/7-51	from Ch. 46, par. 7-51
10 ILCS 5/7-53	from Ch. 46, par. 7-53
10 ILCS 5/7-56	from Ch. 46, par. 7-56
10 ILCS 5/7-58	from Ch. 46, par. 7-58
10 ILCS 5/7-59	from Ch. 46, par. 7-59
10 ILCS 5/8-5	from Ch. 46, par. 8-5
10 ILCS 5/8-6	from Ch. 46, par. 8-6
10 ILCS 5/8-7	from Ch. 46, par. 8-7
10 ILCS 5/9-1.3	from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.3
10 ILCS 5/9-1.4	from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.4
10 ILCS 5/9-1.5	from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.5
10 ILCS 5/9-1.7	from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.7
10 ILCS 5/9-15	from Ch. 46, par. 9-15
10 ILCS 5/10-2	from Ch. 46, par. 10-2
10 ILCS 5/11-6	from Ch. 46, par. 11-6
10 ILCS 5/13-4	from Ch. 46, par. 13-4
10 ILCS 5/14-1	from Ch. 46, par. 14-1
10 ILCS 5/22-15	from Ch. 46, par. 22-15
10 ILCS 5/25-6	from Ch. 46, par. 25-6
60 ILCS 1/45-15	
60 ILCS 1/45-25	
60 ILCS 1/45-50	
60 ILCS 1/45-55	
105 ILCS 5/3A-6	from Ch. 122, par. 3A-6

Amends the Election Code, the Township Code, and the School Code. Changes references from "committeeman" or "committeemen" and "committeewoman" or "committeewomen" to "committeeperson", "committeepersons", "committeeperson of male gender", "committeeperson of female gender", "committeepersons of male gender", or "committeepersons of female gender".

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 2A-1.2, 4-6.2, 4-12, 5-15, 5-16.2, 6-44, 6-50.2, 7-1,  
6 7-2, 7-7, 7-8, 7-8.01, 7-9, 7-10, 7-12, 7-13, 7-17, 7-19, 7-25,  
7 7-46, 7-51, 7-53, 7-56, 7-58, 7-59, 8-5, 8-6, 8-7, 9-1.3,  
8 9-1.5, 9-15, 10-2, 11-6, 13-4, 14-1, 22-15, 25-6, 9-1.4, and  
9 9-1.7 as follows:

10 (10 ILCS 5/2A-1.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 2A-1.2)

11 Sec. 2A-1.2. Consolidated Schedule of Elections - Offices  
12 Designated.

13 (a) At the general election in the appropriate  
14 even-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled or  
15 shall be on the ballot as otherwise required by this Code:

16 (1) Elector of President and Vice President of the  
17 United States;

18 (2) United States Senator and United States  
19 Representative;

20 (3) State Executive Branch elected officers;

21 (4) State Senator and State Representative;

22 (5) County elected officers, including State's  
23 Attorney, County Board member, County Commissioners, and  
24 elected President of the County Board or County Chief  
25 Executive;

26 (6) Circuit Court Clerk;

27 (7) Regional Superintendent of Schools, except in  
28 counties or educational service regions in which that  
29 office has been abolished;

30 (8) Judges of the Supreme, Appellate and Circuit  
31 Courts, on the question of retention, to fill vacancies and  
32 newly created judicial offices;

1 (9) (Blank);

2 (10) Trustee of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of  
3 Chicago, and elected Trustee of other Sanitary Districts;

4 (11) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
5 designated in this Section, where the statute creating or  
6 authorizing the creation of the district requires an annual  
7 election and permits or requires election of candidates of  
8 political parties.

9 (b) At the general primary election:

10 (1) in each even-numbered year candidates of political  
11 parties shall be nominated for those offices to be filled  
12 at the general election in that year, except where pursuant  
13 to law nomination of candidates of political parties is  
14 made by caucus.

15 (2) in the appropriate even-numbered years the  
16 political party offices of State central committeeperson  
17 ~~committeeman~~, township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, ward  
18 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and precinct committeeperson  
19 ~~committeeman~~ shall be filled and delegates and alternate  
20 delegates to the National nominating conventions shall be  
21 elected as may be required pursuant to this Code. In the  
22 even-numbered years in which a Presidential election is to  
23 be held, candidates in the Presidential preference primary  
24 shall also be on the ballot.

25 (3) in each even-numbered year, where the municipality  
26 has provided for annual elections to elect municipal  
27 officers pursuant to Section 6(f) or Section 7 of Article  
28 VII of the Constitution, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal  
29 Code or pursuant to the municipal charter, the offices of  
30 such municipal officers shall be filled at an election held  
31 on the date of the general primary election, provided that  
32 the municipal election shall be a nonpartisan election  
33 where required by the Illinois Municipal Code. For partisan  
34 municipal elections in even-numbered years, a primary to  
35 nominate candidates for municipal office to be elected at  
36 the general primary election shall be held on the Tuesday 6

1 weeks preceding that election.

2 (4) in each school district which has adopted the  
3 provisions of Article 33 of the School Code, successors to  
4 the members of the board of education whose terms expire in  
5 the year in which the general primary is held shall be  
6 elected.

7 (c) At the consolidated election in the appropriate  
8 odd-numbered years, the following offices shall be filled:

9 (1) Municipal officers, provided that in  
10 municipalities in which candidates for alderman or other  
11 municipal office are not permitted by law to be candidates  
12 of political parties, the runoff election where required by  
13 law, or the nonpartisan election where required by law,  
14 shall be held on the date of the consolidated election; and  
15 provided further, in the case of municipal officers  
16 provided for by an ordinance providing the form of  
17 government of the municipality pursuant to Section 7 of  
18 Article VII of the Constitution, such offices shall be  
19 filled by election or by runoff election as may be provided  
20 by such ordinance;

21 (2) Village and incorporated town library directors;

22 (3) City boards of stadium commissioners;

23 (4) Commissioners of park districts;

24 (5) Trustees of public library districts;

25 (6) Special District elected officers, not otherwise  
26 designated in this section, where the statute creating or  
27 authorizing the creation of the district permits or  
28 requires election of candidates of political parties;

29 (7) Township officers, including township park  
30 commissioners, township library directors, and boards of  
31 managers of community buildings, and Multi-Township  
32 Assessors;

33 (8) Highway commissioners and road district clerks;

34 (9) Members of school boards in school districts which  
35 adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

36 (10) The directors and chairman of the Chain O Lakes -

1 Fox River Waterway Management Agency;

2 (11) Forest preserve district commissioners elected  
3 under Section 3.5 of the Downstate Forest Preserve District  
4 Act;

5 (12) Elected members of school boards, school  
6 trustees, directors of boards of school directors,  
7 trustees of county boards of school trustees (except in  
8 counties or educational service regions having a  
9 population of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants) and members of  
10 boards of school inspectors, except school boards in school  
11 districts that adopt Article 33 of the School Code;

12 (13) Members of Community College district boards;

13 (14) Trustees of Fire Protection Districts;

14 (15) Commissioners of the Springfield Metropolitan  
15 Exposition and Auditorium Authority;

16 (16) Elected Trustees of Tuberculosis Sanitarium  
17 Districts;

18 (17) Elected Officers of special districts not  
19 otherwise designated in this Section for which the law  
20 governing those districts does not permit candidates of  
21 political parties.

22 (d) At the consolidated primary election in each  
23 odd-numbered year, candidates of political parties shall be  
24 nominated for those offices to be filled at the consolidated  
25 election in that year, except where pursuant to law nomination  
26 of candidates of political parties is made by caucus, and  
27 except those offices listed in paragraphs (12) through (17) of  
28 subsection (c).

29 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
30 odd-numbered years, the mayor, clerk, treasurer, and aldermen  
31 shall be elected in municipalities in which candidates for  
32 mayor, clerk, treasurer, or alderman are not permitted by law  
33 to be candidates of political parties, subject to runoff  
34 elections to be held at the consolidated election as may be  
35 required by law, and municipal officers shall be nominated in a  
36 nonpartisan election in municipalities in which pursuant to law

1 candidates for such office are not permitted to be candidates  
2 of political parties.

3 At the consolidated primary election in the appropriate  
4 odd-numbered years, municipal officers shall be nominated or  
5 elected, or elected subject to a runoff, as may be provided by  
6 an ordinance providing a form of government of the municipality  
7 pursuant to Section 7 of Article VII of the Constitution.

8 (e) (Blank).

9 (f) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, public  
10 questions may be submitted to voters pursuant to this Code and  
11 any special election otherwise required or authorized by law or  
12 by court order may be conducted pursuant to this Code.

13 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of officers  
14 established in this Article, whenever a referendum is held for  
15 the establishment of a political subdivision whose officers are  
16 to be elected, the initial officers shall be elected at the  
17 election at which such referendum is held if otherwise so  
18 provided by law. In such cases, the election of the initial  
19 officers shall be subject to the referendum.

20 Notwithstanding the regular dates for election of  
21 officials established in this Article, any community college  
22 district which becomes effective by operation of law pursuant  
23 to Section 6-6.1 of the Public Community College Act, as now or  
24 hereafter amended, shall elect the initial district board  
25 members at the next regularly scheduled election following the  
26 effective date of the new district.

27 (g) At any election established in Section 2A-1.1, if in  
28 any precinct there are no offices or public questions required  
29 to be on the ballot under this Code then no election shall be  
30 held in the precinct on that date.

31 (h) There may be conducted a referendum in accordance with  
32 the provisions of Division 6-4 of the Counties Code.

33 (Source: P.A. 89-5, eff. 1-1-96; 89-95, eff. 1-1-96; 89-626,  
34 eff. 8-9-96; 90-358, eff. 1-1-98.)

35 (10 ILCS 5/4-6.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-6.2)

1           Sec. 4-6.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all  
2 municipal and township or road district clerks or their duly  
3 authorized deputies as deputy registrars who may accept the  
4 registration of all qualified residents of the State.

5           The county clerk shall appoint all precinct  
6 committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may  
7 accept the registration of any qualified resident of the State,  
8 except during the 27 days preceding an election.

9           The election authority shall appoint as deputy registrars a  
10 reasonable number of employees of the Secretary of State  
11 located at driver's license examination stations and  
12 designated to the election authority by the Secretary of State  
13 who may accept the registration of any qualified residents of  
14 the State at any such driver's license examination stations.  
15 The appointment of employees of the Secretary of State as  
16 deputy registrars shall be made in the manner provided in  
17 Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

18           The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named  
19 persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such  
20 persons:

21           1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
22 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
23 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
24 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,  
25 at such library.

26           2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by  
27 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or  
28 vocational school situated within the election  
29 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any  
30 qualified resident of the State, at such school. The county  
31 clerk shall notify every principal and vice-principal of  
32 each high school, elementary school, and vocational school  
33 situated within the election jurisdiction of their  
34 eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer  
35 training courses for service as deputy registrars at  
36 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to

1 every election.

2 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by  
3 the president, of any university, college, community  
4 college, academy or other institution of learning situated  
5 within the election jurisdiction, who may accept the  
6 registrations of any resident of the State, at such  
7 university, college, community college, academy or  
8 institution.

9 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
10 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified  
11 members designated by such official, who may accept the  
12 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

13 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bonafide  
14 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule  
15 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members  
16 designated by such official, who may accept the  
17 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In  
18 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be  
19 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population  
20 of the jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the  
21 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the  
22 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the  
23 jurisdiction and their location, the registration  
24 activities of the organization and the need to appoint  
25 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the  
26 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no  
27 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number  
28 applicable to every civic organization requesting  
29 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State  
30 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification  
31 of bonafide State civic organizations. Such appointments  
32 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,  
33 terminating on the first business day of the month  
34 following the month of the general election, and shall be  
35 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by  
36 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

1           6. The Director of the Illinois Department of Public  
2 Aid, or a reasonable number of employees designated by the  
3 Director and located at public aid offices, who may accept  
4 the registration of any qualified resident of the county at  
5 any such public aid office.

6           7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
7 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
8 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
9 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
10 resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

11           8. The president of any corporation as defined by the  
12 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of  
13 employees designated by such president, who may accept the  
14 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

15           If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is  
16 denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date  
17 the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
18 organization with written notice setting forth the specific  
19 reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be  
20 appointed as deputy registrar.

21           The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy  
22 registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall  
23 appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that  
24 the convenience of the public is served, giving due  
25 consideration to both population concentration and area. Some  
26 of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so that  
27 there are an equal number from each of the 2 major political  
28 parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in  
29 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
30 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the Chairman  
31 of the County Central Committee of the applicant's political  
32 party. A Chairman of a County Central Committee shall submit a  
33 list of applicants to the county clerk by November 30 of each  
34 year. The county clerk may require a Chairman of a County  
35 Central Committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

36           Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time

1 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons  
2 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters  
3 within the county and shall take and subscribe to the following  
4 oath or affirmation:

5 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I  
6 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the  
7 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
8 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy  
9 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no  
10 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his  
11 personal application before me.

12 .....  
13 (Signature Deputy Registrar)"

14 This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by  
15 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take  
16 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be  
17 filed with the county clerk.

18 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
19 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for  
20 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general  
21 election of each even-numbered year; except that the terms of  
22 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following  
23 the next general election. Appointments of precinct  
24 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms  
25 commencing on the date of the county convention following the  
26 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk  
27 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy  
28 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public  
29 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

30 (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training all  
31 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a), at  
32 times and locations reasonably convenient for both the county  
33 clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be  
34 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
35 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy  
36 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to

1 removal for cause.

2 (c) Completed registration materials under the control of  
3 deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall  
4 be returned to the appointing election authority within 7 days,  
5 except that completed registration materials received by the  
6 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th  
7 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
8 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours  
9 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials  
10 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an  
11 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24  
12 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned  
13 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of  
14 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following  
15 the close of registration.

16 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as  
17 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by  
18 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted  
19 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her  
20 possession.

21 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering  
22 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or  
23 her duties.

24 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly  
25 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar. Such  
26 deputy registrars shall not be deemed to be employees of the  
27 county clerk.

28 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy  
29 registrars for persons residing outside the county shall be  
30 transmitted by the county clerk within 2 days after receipt to  
31 the election authority of the person's election jurisdiction of  
32 residence.

33 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

34 (10 ILCS 5/4-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 4-12)

35 Sec. 4-12. Any voter or voters in the township, city,

1 village or incorporated town containing such precinct, and any  
 2 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in the county, may,  
 3 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. of Monday and  
 4 Tuesday of the second week prior to the week in which the 1970  
 5 primary election for the nomination of candidates for State and  
 6 county offices or any election thereafter is to be held, make  
 7 application in writing, to the county clerk, to have any name  
 8 upon the register of any precinct erased. Such application  
 9 shall be, in substance, in the words and figures following:

10 "I being a qualified voter, registered from No. .... Street  
 11 in the .... precinct of the .... ward of the city (village or  
 12 town of) .... (or of the .... town of ....) do hereby solemnly  
 13 swear (or affirm) that .... registered from No. .... Street is  
 14 not a qualified voter in the .... precinct of .... ward of the  
 15 city (village or town) of .... (or of the .... town of ....)  
 16 and hence I ask that his name be erased from the register of  
 17 such precinct for the following reason .....

18 Affiant further says that he has personal knowledge of the  
 19 facts set forth in the above affidavit.

20 (Signed) .....

21 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

22 .....

23 .....

24 ....."

25 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the  
 26 applicant before the county clerk or any deputy authorized by  
 27 the county clerk for that purpose, and filed with said clerk.  
 28 Thereupon notice of such application, and of the time and place  
 29 of hearing thereon, with a demand to appear before the county  
 30 clerk and show cause why his name shall not be erased from said  
 31 register, shall be mailed, in an envelope duly stamped and  
 32 directed to such person at the address upon said register, at  
 33 least four days before the day fixed in said notice to show  
 34 cause.

35 A like notice shall be mailed to the person or persons

1 making the application to have the name upon such register  
2 erased to appear and show cause why said name should be erased,  
3 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the  
4 voter making such application fails to appear before said clerk  
5 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the said notice or  
6 fails to show cause why the name upon such register shall be  
7 erased, the application to erase may be dismissed by the county  
8 clerk.

9 Any voter making the application is privileged from arrest  
10 while presenting it to the county clerk, and while going to and  
11 from the office of the county clerk.

12 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/5-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-15)

14 Sec. 5-15. Any voter or voters in the township, city,  
15 village, or incorporated town containing such precinct, and any  
16 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in the county, may,  
17 between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of  
18 the Monday and Tuesday of the third week immediately preceding  
19 the week in which such April 10, 1962 Primary Election is to be  
20 held, make application in writing, before such County Clerk, to  
21 have any name upon such register of any precinct erased.  
22 Thereafter such application shall be made between the hours of  
23 nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of Monday and Tuesday of  
24 the second week prior to the week in which any county, city,  
25 village, township, or incorporated town election is to be held.  
26 Such application shall be in substance, in the words and  
27 figures following:

28 "I, being a qualified voter, registered from No. ....  
29 Street in the .... precinct of the .... Ward of the city  
30 (village or town of .... ) of the .... District .... town of  
31 .... do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that .... registered  
32 from No. .... Street is not a qualified voter in the ....  
33 precinct of the .... ward of the city (village or town) of ....  
34 or of the .... district town of .... hence I ask that his name  
35 be erased from the register of such precinct for the following

1 reason ..... Affiant further says that he has personal  
2 knowledge of the facts set forth in the above affidavit.

3 (Signed) .....

4 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

5 .....

6 .....

7 ....."

8 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the  
9 applicant before the County Clerk or any Deputy authorized by  
10 the County Clerk for that purpose, and filed with the Clerk.  
11 Thereupon notice of such application, with a demand to appear  
12 before the County Clerk and show cause why his name shall not  
13 be erased from the register, shall be mailed by special  
14 delivery, duly stamped and directed, to such person, to the  
15 address upon said register at least 4 days before the day fixed  
16 in said notice to show cause.

17 A like notice shall be mailed to the person or persons  
18 making the application to have the name upon such register  
19 erased to appear and show cause why the name should be erased,  
20 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the  
21 voter making such application fails to appear before the Clerk  
22 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the said notice or  
23 fails to show cause why the name upon such register shall be  
24 erased, the application may be dismissed by the County Clerk.

25 Any voter making such application or applications shall be  
26 privileged from arrest while presenting the same to the County  
27 Clerk, and whilst going to and returning from the office of the  
28 County Clerk.

29 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

30 (10 ILCS 5/5-16.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 5-16.2)

31 Sec. 5-16.2. (a) The county clerk shall appoint all  
32 municipal and township clerks or their duly authorized deputies  
33 as deputy registrars who may accept the registration of all  
34 qualified residents of the State.

35 The county clerk shall appoint all precinct

1       committeepersons in the county as deputy registrars who may  
2       accept the registration of any qualified resident of the State,  
3       except during the 27 days preceding an election.

4       The election authority shall appoint as deputy registrars a  
5       reasonable number of employees of the Secretary of State  
6       located at driver's license examination stations and  
7       designated to the election authority by the Secretary of State  
8       who may accept the registration of any qualified residents of  
9       the State at any such driver's license examination stations.  
10      The appointment of employees of the Secretary of State as  
11      deputy registrars shall be made in the manner provided in  
12      Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

13      The county clerk shall appoint each of the following named  
14      persons as deputy registrars upon the written request of such  
15      persons:

16           1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
17           designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
18           situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
19           the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,  
20           at such library.

21           2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by  
22           the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or  
23           vocational school situated within the election  
24           jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any  
25           resident of the State, at such school. The county clerk  
26           shall notify every principal and vice-principal of each  
27           high school, elementary school, and vocational school  
28           situated within the election jurisdiction of their  
29           eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer  
30           training courses for service as deputy registrars at  
31           conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to  
32           every election.

33           3. The president, or a qualified person designated by  
34           the president, of any university, college, community  
35           college, academy or other institution of learning situated  
36           within the election jurisdiction, who may accept the

1 registrations of any resident of the State, at such  
2 university, college, community college, academy or  
3 institution.

4 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
5 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified  
6 members designated by such official, who may accept the  
7 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

8 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
9 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule  
10 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members  
11 designated by such official, who may accept the  
12 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In  
13 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be  
14 appointed, the county clerk shall consider the population  
15 of the jurisdiction, the size of the organization, the  
16 geographic size of the jurisdiction, convenience for the  
17 public, the existing number of deputy registrars in the  
18 jurisdiction and their location, the registration  
19 activities of the organization and the need to appoint  
20 deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the  
21 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no  
22 event shall a county clerk fix an arbitrary number  
23 applicable to every civic organization requesting  
24 appointment of its members as deputy registrars. The State  
25 Board of Elections shall by rule provide for certification  
26 of bona fide State civic organizations. Such appointments  
27 shall be made for a period not to exceed 2 years,  
28 terminating on the first business day of the month  
29 following the month of the general election, and shall be  
30 valid for all periods of voter registration as provided by  
31 this Code during the terms of such appointments.

32 6. The Director of the Illinois Department of Public  
33 Aid, or a reasonable number of employees designated by the  
34 Director and located at public aid offices, who may accept  
35 the registration of any qualified resident of the county at  
36 any such public aid office.

1           7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
2           Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
3           designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
4           offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
5           resident of the county at any such unemployment office.

6           8. The president of any corporation as defined by the  
7           Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of  
8           employees designated by such president, who may accept the  
9           registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

10          If the request to be appointed as deputy registrar is  
11          denied, the county clerk shall, within 10 days after the date  
12          the request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
13          organization with written notice setting forth the specific  
14          reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the request to be  
15          appointed as deputy registrar.

16          The county clerk may appoint as many additional deputy  
17          registrars as he considers necessary. The county clerk shall  
18          appoint such additional deputy registrars in such manner that  
19          the convenience of the public is served, giving due  
20          consideration to both population concentration and area. Some  
21          of the additional deputy registrars shall be selected so that  
22          there are an equal number from each of the 2 major political  
23          parties in the election jurisdiction. The county clerk, in  
24          appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
25          appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the Chairman  
26          of the County Central Committee of the applicant's political  
27          party. A Chairman of a County Central Committee shall submit a  
28          list of applicants to the county clerk by November 30 of each  
29          year. The county clerk may require a Chairman of a County  
30          Central Committee to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

31          Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time  
32          other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons  
33          appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters  
34          within the county and shall take and subscribe to the following  
35          oath or affirmation:

36          "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I

1 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the  
 2 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
 3 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of deputy  
 4 registrar to the best of my ability and that I will register no  
 5 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his  
 6 personal application before me.

7 .....  
 8 (Signature of Deputy Registrar)"

9 This oath shall be administered by the county clerk, or by  
 10 one of his deputies, or by any person qualified to take  
 11 acknowledgement of deeds and shall immediately thereafter be  
 12 filed with the county clerk.

13 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
 14 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for  
 15 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general  
 16 election of each even-numbered year, except that the terms of  
 17 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following  
 18 the next general election. Appointments of precinct  
 19 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms  
 20 commencing on the date of the county convention following the  
 21 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk  
 22 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy  
 23 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public  
 24 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

25 (b) The county clerk shall be responsible for training all  
 26 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a), at  
 27 times and locations reasonably convenient for both the county  
 28 clerk and such appointees. The county clerk shall be  
 29 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
 30 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy  
 31 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to  
 32 removal for cause.

33 (c) Completed registration materials under the control of  
 34 deputy registrars, appointed pursuant to subsection (a), shall  
 35 be returned to the appointing election authority within 7 days,  
 36 except that completed registration materials received by the

1 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th  
2 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
3 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours  
4 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials  
5 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an  
6 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24  
7 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned  
8 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of  
9 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following  
10 the close of registration.

11 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as  
12 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by  
13 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted  
14 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her  
15 possession.

16 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering  
17 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or  
18 her duties.

19 (f) The county clerk shall not be criminally or civilly  
20 liable for the acts or omissions of any deputy registrar. Such  
21 deputy registers shall not be deemed to be employees of the  
22 county clerk.

23 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy  
24 registrars for persons residing outside the county shall be  
25 transmitted by the county clerk within 2 days after receipt to  
26 the election authority of the person's election jurisdiction of  
27 residence.

28 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

29 (10 ILCS 5/6-44) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-44)

30 Sec. 6-44. Any voter or voters in the ward, village or  
31 incorporated town containing such precinct, and any precinct  
32 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in the county, may, between the  
33 hours of nine o'clock a.m. and six p.m. of Monday and Tuesday  
34 of the second week prior to the week in which such election is  
35 to be held make application in writing, before such board of

1 election commissioners, to have any name upon such register of  
2 any precinct erased. However, in municipalities having a  
3 population of more than 500,000 and having a board of election  
4 commissioners (except as otherwise provided for such  
5 municipalities in Section 6-60 of this Article) and in all  
6 cities, villages and incorporated towns within the  
7 jurisdiction of such board, such application shall be made  
8 between the hours of nine o'clock a.m. and six o'clock p.m. of  
9 Monday and Tuesday of the second week prior to the week in  
10 which such election is to be held. Such application shall be,  
11 in substance, in the words and figures following:

12 "I being a qualified voter, registered from No. .... street  
13 in the .... precinct of the .... ward of the city (village or  
14 town) of .... do hereby solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have  
15 personal knowledge that .... registered from No. .... street is  
16 not a qualified voter in the .... precinct of the .... ward of  
17 the city (village or town) of .... and hence I ask that his  
18 name be erased from the register of such precinct for the  
19 following reason ....

20 Affiant further says that he has personal knowledge of the  
21 facts set forth in the above affidavit.

22 (Signed)....

23 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

24 .....

25 ....."

26 Such application shall be signed and sworn to by the  
27 applicant before any member of the board or the clerk thereof  
28 and filed with said board. Thereupon notice of such  
29 application, with a demand to appear before the board of  
30 election commissioners and show cause why his name shall not be  
31 erased from said register, shall be personally served upon such  
32 person or left at his place of residence indicated in such  
33 register, or in the case of a homeless individual, at his or  
34 her mailing address, by a messenger of said board of election  
35 commissioners, and, as to the manner and time of serving such  
36 notice such messenger shall make affidavit; the messenger shall

1 also make affidavit of the fact in case he cannot find such  
2 person or his place of residence, and that he went to the place  
3 named on such register as his or her place of residence. Such  
4 notice shall be served at least one day before the time fixed  
5 for such party to show cause.

6 The commissioners shall also cause a like notice or demand  
7 to be sent by mail duly stamped and directed, to such person,  
8 to the address upon the register at least 2 days before the day  
9 fixed in the notice to show cause.

10 A like notice shall be served on the person or persons  
11 making the application to have the name upon such register  
12 erased to appear and show cause why said name shall be erased,  
13 the notice to set out the day and hour of such hearing. If the  
14 voter making such application fails to appear before said board  
15 at the time set for the hearing as fixed in the notice or fails  
16 to show cause why the name upon such register shall be erased,  
17 the application may be dismissed by the board.

18 Any voter making such application or applications shall be  
19 privileged from arrest while presenting the same to the board  
20 of election commissioners, and while going to and returning  
21 from the board of election commissioners.

22 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/6-50.2) (from Ch. 46, par. 6-50.2)

24 Sec. 6-50.2. (a) The board of election commissioners shall  
25 appoint all precinct committeepersons in the election  
26 jurisdiction as deputy registrars who may accept the  
27 registration of any qualified resident of the State, except  
28 during the 27 days preceding an election.

29 The election authority shall appoint as deputy registrars a  
30 reasonable number of employees of the Secretary of State  
31 located at driver's license examination stations and  
32 designated to the election authority by the Secretary of State  
33 who may accept the registration of any qualified residents of  
34 the State at any such driver's license examination stations.  
35 The appointment of employees of the Secretary of State as

1 deputy registrars shall be made in the manner provided in  
2 Section 2-105 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

3 The board of election commissioners shall appoint each of  
4 the following named persons as deputy registrars upon the  
5 written request of such persons:

6 1. The chief librarian, or a qualified person  
7 designated by the chief librarian, of any public library  
8 situated within the election jurisdiction, who may accept  
9 the registrations of any qualified resident of the State,  
10 at such library.

11 2. The principal, or a qualified person designated by  
12 the principal, of any high school, elementary school, or  
13 vocational school situated within the election  
14 jurisdiction, who may accept the registrations of any  
15 resident of the State, at such school. The board of  
16 election commissioners shall notify every principal and  
17 vice-principal of each high school, elementary school, and  
18 vocational school situated in the election jurisdiction of  
19 their eligibility to serve as deputy registrars and offer  
20 training courses for service as deputy registrars at  
21 conveniently located facilities at least 4 months prior to  
22 every election.

23 3. The president, or a qualified person designated by  
24 the president, of any university, college, community  
25 college, academy or other institution of learning situated  
26 within the State, who may accept the registrations of any  
27 resident of the election jurisdiction, at such university,  
28 college, community college, academy or institution.

29 4. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
30 labor organization, or a reasonable number of qualified  
31 members designated by such official, who may accept the  
32 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

33 5. A duly elected or appointed official of a bona fide  
34 State civic organization, as defined and determined by rule  
35 of the State Board of Elections, or qualified members  
36 designated by such official, who may accept the

1 registration of any qualified resident of the State. In  
2 determining the number of deputy registrars that shall be  
3 appointed, the board of election commissioners shall  
4 consider the population of the jurisdiction, the size of  
5 the organization, the geographic size of the jurisdiction,  
6 convenience for the public, the existing number of deputy  
7 registrars in the jurisdiction and their location, the  
8 registration activities of the organization and the need to  
9 appoint deputy registrars to assist and facilitate the  
10 registration of non-English speaking individuals. In no  
11 event shall a board of election commissioners fix an  
12 arbitrary number applicable to every civic organization  
13 requesting appointment of its members as deputy  
14 registrars. The State Board of Elections shall by rule  
15 provide for certification of bona fide State civic  
16 organizations. Such appointments shall be made for a period  
17 not to exceed 2 years, terminating on the first business  
18 day of the month following the month of the general  
19 election, and shall be valid for all periods of voter  
20 registration as provided by this Code during the terms of  
21 such appointments.

22 6. The Director of the Illinois Department of Public  
23 Aid, or a reasonable number of employees designated by the  
24 Director and located at public aid offices, who may accept  
25 the registration of any qualified resident of the election  
26 jurisdiction at any such public aid office.

27 7. The Director of the Illinois Department of  
28 Employment Security, or a reasonable number of employees  
29 designated by the Director and located at unemployment  
30 offices, who may accept the registration of any qualified  
31 resident of the election jurisdiction at any such  
32 unemployment office. If the request to be appointed as  
33 deputy registrar is denied, the board of election  
34 commissioners shall, within 10 days after the date the  
35 request is submitted, provide the affected individual or  
36 organization with written notice setting forth the

1 specific reasons or criteria relied upon to deny the  
2 request to be appointed as deputy registrar.

3 8. The president of any corporation, as defined by the  
4 Business Corporation Act of 1983, or a reasonable number of  
5 employees designated by such president, who may accept the  
6 registrations of any qualified resident of the State.

7 The board of election commissioners may appoint as many  
8 additional deputy registrars as it considers necessary. The  
9 board of election commissioners shall appoint such additional  
10 deputy registrars in such manner that the convenience of the  
11 public is served, giving due consideration to both population  
12 concentration and area. Some of the additional deputy  
13 registrars shall be selected so that there are an equal number  
14 from each of the 2 major political parties in the election  
15 jurisdiction. The board of election commissioners, in  
16 appointing an additional deputy registrar, shall make the  
17 appointment from a list of applicants submitted by the Chairman  
18 of the County Central Committee of the applicant's political  
19 party. A Chairman of a County Central Committee shall submit a  
20 list of applicants to the board by November 30 of each year.  
21 The board may require a Chairman of a County Central Committee  
22 to furnish a supplemental list of applicants.

23 Deputy registrars may accept registrations at any time  
24 other than the 27 day period preceding an election. All persons  
25 appointed as deputy registrars shall be registered voters  
26 within the election jurisdiction and shall take and subscribe  
27 to the following oath or affirmation:

28 "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I  
29 will support the Constitution of the United States, and the  
30 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will  
31 faithfully discharge the duties of the office of registration  
32 officer to the best of my ability and that I will register no  
33 person nor cause the registration of any person except upon his  
34 personal application before me.

35 .....

36 (Signature of Registration Officer)"

1 This oath shall be administered and certified to by one of  
2 the commissioners or by the executive director or by some  
3 person designated by the board of election commissioners, and  
4 shall immediately thereafter be filed with the board of  
5 election commissioners. The members of the board of election  
6 commissioners and all persons authorized by them under the  
7 provisions of this Article to take registrations, after  
8 themselves taking and subscribing to the above oath, are  
9 authorized to take or administer such oaths and execute such  
10 affidavits as are required by this Article.

11 Appointments of deputy registrars under this Section,  
12 except precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, shall be for  
13 2-year terms, commencing on December 1 following the general  
14 election of each even-numbered year, except that the terms of  
15 the initial appointments shall be until December 1st following  
16 the next general election. Appointments of precinct  
17 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be for 2-year terms  
18 commencing on the date of the county convention following the  
19 general primary at which they were elected. The county clerk  
20 shall issue a certificate of appointment to each deputy  
21 registrar, and shall maintain in his office for public  
22 inspection a list of the names of all appointees.

23 (b) The board of election commissioners shall be  
24 responsible for training all deputy registrars appointed  
25 pursuant to subsection (a), at times and locations reasonably  
26 convenient for both the board of election commissioners and  
27 such appointees. The board of election commissioners shall be  
28 responsible for certifying and supervising all deputy  
29 registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a). Deputy  
30 registrars appointed under subsection (a) shall be subject to  
31 removal for cause.

32 (c) Completed registration materials under the control of  
33 deputy registrars appointed pursuant to subsection (a) shall be  
34 returned to the appointing election authority within 7 days,  
35 except that completed registration materials received by the  
36 deputy registrars during the period between the 35th and 28th

1 day preceding an election shall be returned by the deputy  
2 registrars to the appointing election authority within 48 hours  
3 after receipt thereof. The completed registration materials  
4 received by the deputy registrars on the 28th day preceding an  
5 election shall be returned by the deputy registrars within 24  
6 hours after receipt thereof. Unused materials shall be returned  
7 by deputy registrars appointed pursuant to paragraph 4 of  
8 subsection (a), not later than the next working day following  
9 the close of registration.

10 (d) The county clerk or board of election commissioners, as  
11 the case may be, must provide any additional forms requested by  
12 any deputy registrar regardless of the number of unaccounted  
13 registration forms the deputy registrar may have in his or her  
14 possession.

15 (e) No deputy registrar shall engage in any electioneering  
16 or the promotion of any cause during the performance of his or  
17 her duties.

18 (f) The board of election commissioners shall not be  
19 criminally or civilly liable for the acts or omissions of any  
20 deputy registrar. Such deputy registrars shall not be deemed to  
21 be employees of the board of election commissioners.

22 (g) Completed registration materials returned by deputy  
23 registrars for persons residing outside the election  
24 jurisdiction shall be transmitted by the board of election  
25 commissioners within 2 days after receipt to the election  
26 authority of the person's election jurisdiction of residence.

27 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

28 (10 ILCS 5/7-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-1)

29 Sec. 7-1. Application of Article.

30 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the  
31 nomination of all candidates for all elective State,  
32 congressional, judicial, and county officers, State's  
33 Attorneys (whether elected from a single county or from more  
34 than one county), city, village, and incorporated town and  
35 municipal officers, trustees of sanitary districts, township

1 officers in townships of over 5,000 population coextensive with  
2 or included wholly within cities or villages not under the  
3 commission form of government, precinct, township, ward, and  
4 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and  
5 alternate delegates to national nominating conventions by all  
6 political parties, as defined in Section 7-2 of this Article 7,  
7 shall be made in the manner provided in this Article 7 and not  
8 otherwise. The nomination of candidates for electors of  
9 President and Vice President of the United States shall be made  
10 only in the manner provided for in Section 7-9 of this Article.

11 (b) This Article 7 shall not apply to (i) the nomination of  
12 candidates for school elections and township elections, except  
13 in those townships specifically mentioned in subsection (a) and  
14 except in those cases in which a township central committee  
15 determines under Section 6A-2 of the Township Law of 1874 or  
16 Section 45-55 of the Township Code that its candidates for  
17 township offices shall be nominated by primary in accordance  
18 with this Article, (ii) the nomination of park commissioners in  
19 park districts organized under the Park District Code, (iii)  
20 the nomination of officers of cities and villages organized  
21 under special charters, or (iv) the nomination of municipal  
22 officers for cities, villages, and incorporated towns with a  
23 population of 5,000 or less, except where a city, village, or  
24 incorporated town with a population of 5,000 or less has by  
25 ordinance determined that political parties shall nominate  
26 candidates for municipal office in the city, village, or  
27 incorporated town by primary in accordance with this Article.  
28 In that event, the municipal clerk shall certify the ordinance  
29 to the proper election officials no later than November 15 in  
30 the year preceding the consolidated primary election.

31 (c) The words "township officers" or "township offices"  
32 shall be construed, when used in this Article, to include  
33 supervisors.

34 (d) As provided in Sections 3.1-25-20 through 3.1-25-60 of  
35 the Illinois Municipal Code, a village may adopt a system of  
36 nonpartisan primary and general elections for the election of

1 village officers.

2 (Source: P.A. 88-670, eff. 12-2-94; 89-5, eff. 1-1-96.)

3 (10 ILCS 5/7-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-2)

4 Sec. 7-2. A political party, which at the general election  
5 for State and county officers then next preceding a primary,  
6 polled more than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in the  
7 State, is hereby declared to be a political party within the  
8 State, and shall nominate all candidates provided for in this  
9 Article 7 under the provisions hereof, and shall elect  
10 precinct, township, ward and State central committeepersons  
11 ~~committeemen~~ as herein provided.

12 A political party, which at the general election for State  
13 and county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more  
14 than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast within any  
15 congressional district, is hereby declared to be a political  
16 party within the meaning of this Article, within such  
17 congressional district, and shall nominate its candidate for  
18 Representative in Congress, under the provisions hereof. A  
19 political party, which at the general election for State and  
20 county officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5  
21 per cent of the entire vote cast in any county, is hereby  
22 declared to be a political party within the meaning of this  
23 Article, within said county, and shall nominate all county  
24 officers in said county under the provisions hereof, and shall  
25 elect precinct, township, and ward committeepersons  
26 ~~committeemen~~, as herein provided;

27 A political party, which at the municipal election for  
28 city, village or incorporated town officers then next preceding  
29 a primary, cast more than 5 per cent of the entire vote cast in  
30 any city or village, or incorporated town is hereby declared to  
31 be a political party within the meaning of this Article, within  
32 said city, village or incorporated town, and shall nominate all  
33 city, village or incorporated town officers in said city or  
34 village or incorporated town under the provisions hereof to the  
35 extent and in the cases provided in section 7--1.

1           A political party, which at the municipal election for town  
2 officers then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per  
3 cent of the entire vote cast in said town, is hereby declared  
4 to be a political party within the meaning of this Article,  
5 within said town, and shall nominate all town officers in said  
6 town under the provisions hereof to the extent and in the cases  
7 provided in section 7--1.

8           A political party, which at the municipal election in any  
9 other municipality or political subdivision, (except townships  
10 and school districts), for municipal or other officers therein  
11 then next preceding a primary, cast more than 5 per cent of the  
12 entire vote cast in such municipality or political subdivision,  
13 is hereby declared to be a political party within the meaning  
14 of this Article, within said municipality or political  
15 subdivision, and shall nominate all municipal or other officers  
16 therein under the provisions hereof to the extent and in the  
17 cases provided in section 7--1.

18           Provided, that no political organization or group shall be  
19 qualified as a political party hereunder, or given a place on a  
20 ballot, which organization or group is associated, directly or  
21 indirectly, with Communist, Fascist, Nazi or other un-American  
22 principles and engages in activities or propaganda designed to  
23 teach subservience to the political principles and ideals of  
24 foreign nations or the overthrow by violence of the established  
25 constitutional form of government of the United States and the  
26 State of Illinois.

27           (Source: Laws 1943, vol. 2, p. 1.)

28           (10 ILCS 5/7-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-7)

29           Sec. 7-7. For the purpose of making nominations in certain  
30 instances as provided in this Article and this Act, the  
31 following committees are authorized and shall constitute the  
32 central or managing committees of each political party, viz: A  
33 State central committee, whose responsibilities include, but  
34 are not limited to, filling by appointment vacancies in  
35 nomination for statewide offices, including but not limited to

1 the office of United States Senator, a congressional committee  
2 for each congressional district, a county central committee for  
3 each county, a municipal central committee for each city,  
4 incorporated town or village, a ward committeeperson  
5 ~~committeeman~~ for each ward in cities containing a population of  
6 500,000 or more; a township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ for  
7 each township or part of a township that lies outside of cities  
8 having a population of 200,000 or more, in counties having a  
9 population of 2,000,000 or more; a precinct committeeperson  
10 ~~committeeman~~ for each precinct in counties having a population  
11 of less than 2,000,000; a county board district committee for  
12 each county board district created under Division 2-3 of the  
13 Counties Code; a State's Attorney committee for each group of 2  
14 or more counties which jointly elect a State's Attorney; a  
15 Superintendent of Multi-County Educational Service Region  
16 committee for each group of 2 or more counties which jointly  
17 elect a Superintendent of a Multi-County Educational Service  
18 Region; a judicial subcircuit committee in a judicial circuit  
19 divided into subcircuits for each judicial subcircuit in that  
20 circuit; and a board of review election district committee for  
21 each Cook County Board of Review election district.

22 (Source: P.A. 93-541, eff. 8-18-03; 93-574, eff. 8-21-03;  
23 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/7-8) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8)

25 Sec. 7-8. The State central committee shall be composed of  
26 one or two members from each congressional district in the  
27 State and shall be elected as follows:

28 State Central Committee

29 (a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this  
30 amendatory Act of 1983 the State central committee of each  
31 political party shall certify to the State Board of Elections  
32 which of the following alternatives it wishes to apply to the  
33 State central committee of that party.

34 Alternative A. At the primary held on the third Tuesday in  
35 March 1970, and at the primary held every 4 years thereafter,

1 each primary elector may vote for one candidate of his party  
2 for member of the State central committee for the congressional  
3 district in which he resides. The candidate receiving the  
4 highest number of votes shall be declared elected State central  
5 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from the district. A political  
6 party may, in lieu of the foregoing, by a majority vote of  
7 delegates at any State convention of such party, determine to  
8 thereafter elect the State central committeepersons  
9 ~~committeemen~~ in the manner following:

10 At the county convention held by such political party State  
11 central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be elected in the  
12 same manner as provided in this Article for the election of  
13 officers of the county central committee, and such election  
14 shall follow the election of officers of the county central  
15 committee. Each elected ward, township or precinct  
16 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall cast as his vote one vote  
17 for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part of a township  
18 or precinct in the last preceding primary election of his  
19 political party. In the case of a county lying partially within  
20 one congressional district and partially within another  
21 congressional district, each ward, township or precinct  
22 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall vote only with respect to  
23 the congressional district in which his ward, township, part of  
24 a township or precinct is located. In the case of a  
25 congressional district which encompasses more than one county,  
26 each ward, township or precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~  
27 residing within the congressional district shall cast as his  
28 vote one vote for each ballot voted in his ward, township, part  
29 of a township or precinct in the last preceding primary  
30 election of his political party for one candidate of his party  
31 for member of the State central committee for the congressional  
32 district in which he resides and the Chairman of the county  
33 central committee shall report the results of the election to  
34 the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections  
35 shall certify the candidate receiving the highest number of  
36 votes elected State central committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ for

1 that congressional district.

2 The State central committee shall adopt rules to provide  
3 for and govern the procedures to be followed in the election of  
4 members of the State central committee.

5 After the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st  
6 General Assembly, whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of  
7 Chairman of a State central committee, or at the end of the  
8 term of office of Chairman, the State central committee of each  
9 political party that has selected Alternative A shall elect a  
10 Chairman who shall not be required to be a member of the State  
11 Central Committee. The Chairman shall be a registered voter in  
12 this State and of the same political party as the State central  
13 committee.

14 Alternative B. Each congressional committee shall, within  
15 30 days after the adoption of this alternative, appoint a  
16 person of the sex opposite that of the incumbent member for  
17 that congressional district to serve as an additional member of  
18 the State central committee until his or her successor is  
19 elected at the general primary election in 1986. Each  
20 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
21 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section. In  
22 each congressional district at the general primary election  
23 held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, the male candidate  
24 receiving the highest number of votes of the party's male  
25 candidates for State central committeeperson of male gender  
26 ~~committeeman~~, and the female candidate receiving the highest  
27 number of votes of the party's female candidates for State  
28 central committeeperson of female gender ~~committeewoman~~, shall  
29 be declared elected State central committeeperson of male  
30 gender ~~committeeman~~ and State central committeeperson of  
31 female gender ~~committeewoman~~ from the district. At the general  
32 primary election held in 1986 and every 4 years thereafter, if  
33 all a party's candidates for State central committeepersons of  
34 male gender ~~committeemen~~ or State central committeepersons of  
35 female gender ~~committeewomen~~ from a congressional district are  
36 of the same sex, the candidate receiving the highest number of

1 votes shall be declared elected a State central committeeperson  
2 of male gender ~~committeeman~~ or State central committeeperson of  
3 female gender ~~committeewoman~~ from the district, and, because of  
4 a failure to elect one male and one female to the committee, a  
5 vacancy shall be declared to exist in the office of the second  
6 member of the State central committee from the district. This  
7 vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the congressional  
8 committee of the political party, and the person appointed to  
9 fill the vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional  
10 district and of the sex opposite that of the committeeperson of  
11 male gender ~~committeeman~~ or committeeperson of female gender  
12 ~~committeewoman~~ elected at the general primary election. Each  
13 congressional committee shall make this appointment by voting  
14 on the basis set forth in paragraph (e) of this Section.

15 The Chairman of a State central committee composed as  
16 provided in this Alternative B must be selected from the  
17 committee's members.

18 Except as provided for in Alternative A with respect to the  
19 selection of the Chairman of the State central committee, under  
20 both of the foregoing alternatives, the State central committee  
21 of each political party shall be composed of members elected or  
22 appointed from the several congressional districts of the  
23 State, and of no other person or persons whomsoever. The  
24 members of the State central committee shall, within 41 days  
25 after each quadrennial election of the full committee, meet in  
26 the city of Springfield and organize by electing a chairman,  
27 and may at such time elect such officers from among their own  
28 number (or otherwise), as they may deem necessary or expedient.  
29 The outgoing chairman of the State central committee of the  
30 party shall, 10 days before the meeting, notify each member of  
31 the State central committee elected at the primary of the time  
32 and place of such meeting. In the organization and proceedings  
33 of the State central committee, each State central  
34 committeeperson of male gender ~~committeeman~~ and State central  
35 committeeperson of female gender ~~committeewoman~~ shall have one  
36 vote for each ballot voted in his or her congressional district

1 by the primary electors of his or her party at the primary  
2 election immediately preceding the meeting of the State central  
3 committee. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the State central  
4 committee of any political party, the vacancy shall be filled  
5 by appointment of the chairmen of the county central committees  
6 of the political party of the counties located within the  
7 congressional district in which the vacancy occurs and, if  
8 applicable, the ward and township committeepersons  
9 ~~committeemen~~ of the political party in counties of 2,000,000 or  
10 more inhabitants located within the congressional district. If  
11 the congressional district in which the vacancy occurs lies  
12 wholly within a county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the  
13 ward and township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the  
14 political party in that congressional district shall vote to  
15 fill the vacancy. In voting to fill the vacancy, each chairman  
16 of a county central committee and each ward and township  
17 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 2,000,000 or more  
18 inhabitants shall have one vote for each ballot voted in each  
19 precinct of the congressional district in which the vacancy  
20 exists of his or her county, township, or ward cast by the  
21 primary electors of his or her party at the primary election  
22 immediately preceding the meeting to fill the vacancy in the  
23 State central committee. The person appointed to fill the  
24 vacancy shall be a resident of the congressional district in  
25 which the vacancy occurs, shall be a qualified voter, and, in a  
26 committee composed as provided in Alternative B, shall be of  
27 the same sex as his or her predecessor. A political party may,  
28 by a majority vote of the delegates of any State convention of  
29 such party, determine to return to the election of State  
30 central committeeperson of male gender ~~committeeman~~ and State  
31 central committeeperson of female gender ~~committeewoman~~ by the  
32 vote of primary electors. Any action taken by a political party  
33 at a State convention in accordance with this Section shall be  
34 reported to the State Board of Elections by the chairman and  
35 secretary of such convention within 10 days after such action.

36 Ward, Township and Precinct Committeepersons ~~Committeemen~~

1 (b) At the primary held on the third Tuesday in March,  
2 1972, and every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in  
3 cities having a population of 200,000 or over may vote for one  
4 candidate of his party in his ward for ward committeeperson  
5 ~~committeeman~~. Each candidate for ward committeeperson  
6 ~~committeeman~~ must be a resident of and in the ward where he  
7 seeks to be elected ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The one  
8 having the highest number of votes shall be such ward  
9 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such ward. At  
10 the primary election held on the third Tuesday in March, 1970,  
11 and every 4 years thereafter, each primary elector in counties  
12 containing a population of 2,000,000 or more, outside of cities  
13 containing a population of 200,000 or more, may vote for one  
14 candidate of his party for township committeeperson  
15 ~~committeeman~~. Each candidate for township committeeperson  
16 ~~committeeman~~ must be a resident of and in the township or part  
17 of a township (which lies outside of a city having a population  
18 of 200,000 or more, in counties containing a population of  
19 2,000,000 or more), and in which township or part of a township  
20 he seeks to be elected township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.  
21 The one having the highest number of votes shall be such  
22 township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such  
23 township or part of a township. At the primary held on the  
24 third Tuesday in March, 1970 and every 2 years thereafter, each  
25 primary elector, except in counties having a population of  
26 2,000,000 or over, may vote for one candidate of his party in  
27 his precinct for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. Each  
28 candidate for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ must be a  
29 bona fide resident of the precinct where he seeks to be elected  
30 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The one having the  
31 highest number of votes shall be such precinct committeeperson  
32 ~~committeeman~~ of such party for such precinct. The official  
33 returns of the primary shall show the name of the  
34 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of each political party.

35 Terms of Committeepersons ~~Committeemen~~. All precinct  
36 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ elected under the provisions of

1 this Article shall continue as such committeepersons  
2 ~~committeemen~~ until the date of the primary to be held in the  
3 second year after their election. Except as otherwise provided  
4 in this Section for certain State central committeepersons  
5 ~~committeemen~~ who have 2 year terms, all State central  
6 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons  
7 ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall  
8 continue as such committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ until the date  
9 of primary to be held in the fourth year after their election.  
10 However, a vacancy exists in the office of precinct  
11 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ when a precinct committeeperson  
12 ~~committeeman~~ ceases to reside in the precinct in which he was  
13 elected and such precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall  
14 thereafter neither have nor exercise any rights, powers or  
15 duties as committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in that precinct, even  
16 if a successor has not been elected or appointed.

17 (c) The Multi-Township Central Committee shall consist of  
18 the precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of such party, in  
19 the multi-township assessing district formed pursuant to  
20 Section 2-10 of the Property Tax Code and shall be organized  
21 for the purposes set forth in Section 45-25 of the Township  
22 Code. In the organization and proceedings of the Multi-Township  
23 Central Committee each precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~  
24 shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his precinct by  
25 the primary electors of his party at the primary at which he  
26 was elected.

27 County Central Committee

28 (d) The county central committee of each political party in  
29 each county shall consist of the various township  
30 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, precinct committeepersons  
31 ~~committeemen~~ and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any,  
32 of such party in the county. In the organization and  
33 proceedings of the county central committee, each precinct  
34 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
35 ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors of his  
36 party at the primary at which he was elected; each township

1 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
2 ballot voted in his township or part of a township as the case  
3 may be by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
4 election for the nomination of candidates for election to the  
5 General Assembly immediately preceding the meeting of the  
6 county central committee; and in the organization and  
7 proceedings of the county central committee, each ward  
8 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
9 ballot voted in his ward by the primary electors of his party  
10 at the primary election for the nomination of candidates for  
11 election to the General Assembly immediately preceding the  
12 meeting of the county central committee.

13 Cook County Board of Review Election District Committee

14 (d-1) Each board of review election district committee of  
15 each political party in Cook County shall consist of the  
16 various township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and ward  
17 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any, of that party in the  
18 portions of the county composing the board of review election  
19 district. In the organization and proceedings of each of the 3  
20 election district committees, each township committeeperson  
21 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
22 or her township or part of a township, as the case may be, by  
23 the primary electors of his or her party at the primary  
24 election immediately preceding the meeting of the board of  
25 review election district committee; and in the organization and  
26 proceedings of each of the 3 election district committees, each  
27 ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each  
28 ballot voted in his or her ward or part of that ward, as the  
29 case may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at the  
30 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the board  
31 of review election district committee.

32 Congressional Committee

33 (e) The congressional committee of each party in each  
34 congressional district shall be composed of the chairmen of the  
35 county central committees of the counties composing the  
36 congressional district, except that in congressional districts

1 wholly within the territorial limits of one county, or partly  
2 within 2 or more counties, but not coterminous with the county  
3 lines of all of such counties, the precinct committeepersons  
4 ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and ward  
5 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any, of the party  
6 representing the precincts within the limits of the  
7 congressional district, shall compose the congressional  
8 committee. A State central committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in  
9 each district shall be a member and the chairman or, when a  
10 district has 2 State central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, a  
11 co-chairman of the congressional committee, but shall not have  
12 the right to vote except in case of a tie.

13 In the organization and proceedings of congressional  
14 committees composed of precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~  
15 or township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ or ward  
16 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or any combination thereof,  
17 each precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote  
18 for each ballot voted in his precinct by the primary electors  
19 of his party at the primary at which he was elected, each  
20 township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for  
21 each ballot voted in his township or part of a township as the  
22 case may be by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
23 election immediately preceding the meeting of the  
24 congressional committee, and each ward committeeperson  
25 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in each  
26 precinct of his ward located in such congressional district by  
27 the primary electors of his party at the primary election  
28 immediately preceding the meeting of the congressional  
29 committee; and in the organization and proceedings of  
30 congressional committees composed of the chairmen of the county  
31 central committees of the counties within such district, each  
32 chairman of such county central committee shall have one vote  
33 for each ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of  
34 his party at the primary election immediately preceding the  
35 meeting of the congressional committee.

1 (f) The judicial district committee of each political party  
2 in each judicial district shall be composed of the chairman of  
3 the county central committees of the counties composing the  
4 judicial district.

5 In the organization and proceedings of judicial district  
6 committees composed of the chairmen of the county central  
7 committees of the counties within such district, each chairman  
8 of such county central committee shall have one vote for each  
9 ballot voted in his county by the primary electors of his party  
10 at the primary election immediately preceding the meeting of  
11 the judicial district committee.

12 Circuit Court Committee

13 (g) The circuit court committee of each political party in  
14 each judicial circuit outside Cook County shall be composed of  
15 the chairmen of the county central committees of the counties  
16 composing the judicial circuit.

17 In the organization and proceedings of circuit court  
18 committees, each chairman of a county central committee shall  
19 have one vote for each ballot voted in his county by the  
20 primary electors of his party at the primary election  
21 immediately preceding the meeting of the circuit court  
22 committee.

23 Judicial Subcircuit Committee

24 (g-1) The judicial subcircuit committee of each political  
25 party in each judicial subcircuit in a judicial circuit divided  
26 into subcircuits shall be composed of (i) the ward and township  
27 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the townships and wards  
28 composing the judicial subcircuit in Cook County and (ii) the  
29 precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of the precincts  
30 composing the judicial subcircuit in any county other than Cook  
31 County.

32 In the organization and proceedings of each judicial  
33 subcircuit committee, each township committeeperson  
34 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
35 township or part of a township, as the case may be, in the  
36 judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the

1 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the  
2 judicial subcircuit committee; each precinct committeeperson  
3 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
4 precinct or part of a precinct, as the case may be, in the  
5 judicial subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the  
6 primary election immediately preceding the meeting of the  
7 judicial subcircuit committee; and each ward committeeperson  
8 ~~committeeman~~ shall have one vote for each ballot voted in his  
9 ward or part of a ward, as the case may be, in the judicial  
10 subcircuit by the primary electors of his party at the primary  
11 election immediately preceding the meeting of the judicial  
12 subcircuit committee.

13 Municipal Central Committee

14 (h) The municipal central committee of each political party  
15 shall be composed of the precinct, township or ward  
16 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, as the case may be, of such  
17 party representing the precincts or wards, embraced in such  
18 city, incorporated town or village. The voting strength of each  
19 precinct, township or ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ on the  
20 municipal central committee shall be the same as his voting  
21 strength on the county central committee.

22 For political parties, other than a statewide political  
23 party, established only within a municipality or township, the  
24 municipal or township managing committee shall be composed of  
25 the party officers of the local established party. The party  
26 officers of a local established party shall be as follows: the  
27 chairman and secretary of the caucus for those municipalities  
28 and townships authorized by statute to nominate candidates by  
29 caucus shall serve as party officers for the purpose of filling  
30 vacancies in nomination under Section 7-61; for municipalities  
31 and townships authorized by statute or ordinance to nominate  
32 candidates by petition and primary election, the party officers  
33 shall be the party's candidates who are nominated at the  
34 primary. If no party primary was held because of the provisions  
35 of Section 7-5, vacancies in nomination shall be filled by the  
36 party's remaining candidates who shall serve as the party's

1 officers.

2 Powers

3 (i) Each committee and its officers shall have the powers  
4 usually exercised by such committees and by the officers  
5 thereof, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article.  
6 The several committees herein provided for shall not have power  
7 to delegate any of their powers, or functions to any other  
8 person, officer or committee, but this shall not be construed  
9 to prevent a committee from appointing from its own membership  
10 proper and necessary subcommittees.

11 (j) The State central committee of a political party which  
12 elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this  
13 Section shall adopt a plan to give effect to the delegate  
14 selection rules of the national political party and file a copy  
15 of such plan with the State Board of Elections when approved by  
16 a national political party.

17 (k) For the purpose of the designation of a proxy by a  
18 Congressional Committee to vote in place of an absent State  
19 central committeeperson of male gender ~~committeeman~~ or  
20 committeeperson of female gender ~~committeewoman~~ at meetings of  
21 the State central committee of a political party which elects  
22 its members by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this  
23 Section, the proxy shall be appointed by the vote of the ward  
24 and township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if any, of the  
25 wards and townships which lie entirely or partially within the  
26 Congressional District from which the absent State central  
27 committeeperson of male gender ~~committeeman~~ or committeeperson  
28 of female gender ~~committeewoman~~ was elected and the vote of the  
29 chairmen of the county central committees of those counties  
30 which lie entirely or partially within that Congressional  
31 District and in which there are no ward or township  
32 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~. When voting for such proxy the  
33 county chairman, ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or township  
34 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, as the case may be shall have one  
35 vote for each ballot voted in his county, ward or township, or  
36 portion thereof within the Congressional District, by the

1 primary electors of his party at the primary at which he was  
2 elected. However, the absent State central committeeperson of  
3 male gender ~~committeeman~~ or committeeperson of female gender  
4 ~~committeewoman~~ may designate a proxy when permitted by the  
5 rules of a political party which elects its members by  
6 Alternative B under paragraph (a) of this Section.

7 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person is  
8 ineligible to hold the position of committeeperson in any  
9 committee established pursuant to this Section if he or she is  
10 statutorily ineligible to vote in a general election because of  
11 conviction of a felony. When a committeeperson is convicted of  
12 a felony, the position occupied by that committeeperson shall  
13 automatically become vacant.

14 (Source: P.A. 93-541, eff. 8-18-03; 93-574, eff. 8-21-03;  
15 93-847, eff. 7-30-04; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

16 (10 ILCS 5/7-8.01) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-8.01)

17 Sec. 7-8.01. The county board district committee of each  
18 political party in each county board district created pursuant  
19 to "An Act relating to the composition and election of county  
20 boards in certain counties", enacted by the 76th General  
21 Assembly, shall consist of the precinct committeepersons  
22 ~~committeemen~~ of the precincts included in the county board  
23 district.

24 (Source: P.A. 76-1651.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/7-9) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-9)

26 Sec. 7-9. County central committee; county and State  
27 conventions.

28 (a) On the 29th day next succeeding the primary at which  
29 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are elected, the county central  
30 committee of each political party shall meet within the county  
31 and proceed to organize by electing from its own number a  
32 chairman and either from its own number, or otherwise, such  
33 other officers as such committee may deem necessary or  
34 expedient. Such meeting of the county central committee shall

1 be known as the county convention.

2 The chairman of each county committee shall within 10 days  
3 after the organization, forward to the State Board of  
4 Elections, the names and post office addresses of the officers,  
5 precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and representative  
6 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ elected by his political party.

7 The county convention of each political party shall choose  
8 delegates to the State convention of its party; but in any  
9 county having within its limits any city having a population of  
10 200,000, or over the delegates from such city shall be chosen  
11 by wards, the ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ from the  
12 respective wards choosing the number of delegates to which such  
13 ward is entitled on the basis prescribed in paragraph (e) of  
14 this Section such delegates to be members of the delegation to  
15 the State convention from such county. In all counties  
16 containing a population of 2,000,000 or more outside of cities  
17 having a population of 200,000 or more, the delegates from each  
18 of the townships or parts of townships as the case may be shall  
19 be chosen by townships or parts of townships as the case may  
20 be, the township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ from the  
21 respective townships or parts of townships as the case may be  
22 choosing the number of delegates to which such townships or  
23 parts of townships as the case may be are entitled, on the  
24 basis prescribed in paragraph (e) of this Section such  
25 delegates to be members of the delegation to the State  
26 convention from such county.

27 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political  
28 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph  
29 (a) of Section 7-8 shall be a delegate to the State Convention,  
30 ex officio.

31 Each member of the State Central Committee of a political  
32 party which elects its members by Alternative B under paragraph  
33 (a) of Section 7-8 may appoint 2 delegates to the State  
34 Convention who must be residents of the member's Congressional  
35 District.

36 (b) State conventions shall be held within 180 days after

1 the general primary in the year 2000 and every 4 years  
2 thereafter. In the year 1998, and every 4 years thereafter, the  
3 chairman of a State central committee may issue a call for a  
4 State convention within 180 days after the general primary.

5 The State convention of each political party has power to  
6 make nominations of candidates of its political party for the  
7 electors of President and Vice President of the United States,  
8 and to adopt any party platform, and, to the extent determined  
9 by the State central committee as provided in Section 7-14, to  
10 choose and select delegates and alternate delegates at large to  
11 national nominating conventions. The State Central Committee  
12 may adopt rules to provide for and govern the procedures of the  
13 State convention.

14 (c) The chairman and secretary of each State convention  
15 shall, within 2 days thereafter, transmit to the State Board of  
16 Elections of this State a certificate setting forth the names  
17 and addresses of all persons nominated by such State convention  
18 for electors of President and Vice President of the United  
19 States, and of any persons selected by the State convention for  
20 delegates and alternate delegates at large to national  
21 nominating conventions; and the names of such candidates so  
22 chosen by such State convention for electors of President and  
23 Vice President of the United States, shall be caused by the  
24 State Board of Elections to be printed upon the official ballot  
25 at the general election, in the manner required by law, and  
26 shall be certified to the various county clerks of the proper  
27 counties in the manner as provided in Section 7-60 of this  
28 Article 7 for the certifying of the names of persons nominated  
29 by any party for State offices. If and as long as this Act  
30 prescribes that the names of such electors be not printed on  
31 the ballot, then the names of such electors shall be certified  
32 in such manner as may be prescribed by the parts of this Act  
33 applicable thereto.

34 (d) Each convention may perform all other functions  
35 inherent to such political organization and not inconsistent  
36 with this Article.

1 (e) At least 33 days before the date of a State convention,  
2 the chairman of the State central committee of each political  
3 party shall file in the principal office of the State Board of  
4 Elections a call for the State convention. Such call shall  
5 state, among other things, the time and place (designating the  
6 building or hall) for holding the State convention. Such call  
7 shall be signed by the chairman and attested by the secretary  
8 of the committee. In such convention each county shall be  
9 entitled to one delegate for each 500 ballots voted by the  
10 primary electors of the party in such county at the primary to  
11 be held next after the issuance of such call; and if in such  
12 county, less than 500 ballots are so voted or if the number of  
13 ballots so voted is not exactly a multiple of 500, there shall  
14 be one delegate for such group which is less than 500, or for  
15 such group representing the number of votes over the multiple  
16 of 500, which delegate shall have 1/500 of one vote for each  
17 primary vote so represented by him. The call for such  
18 convention shall set forth this paragraph (e) of Section 7-9 in  
19 full and shall direct that the number of delegates to be chosen  
20 be calculated in compliance herewith and that such number of  
21 delegates be chosen.

22 (f) All precinct, township and ward committeepersons  
23 ~~committeemen~~ when elected as provided in this Section shall  
24 serve as though elected at large irrespective of any changes  
25 that may be made in precinct, township or ward boundaries and  
26 the voting strength of each committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall  
27 remain as provided in this Section for the entire time for  
28 which he is elected.

29 (g) The officers elected at any convention provided for in  
30 this Section shall serve until their successors are elected as  
31 provided in this Act.

32 (h) A special meeting of any central committee may be  
33 called by the chairman, or by not less than 25% of the members  
34 of such committee, by giving 5 days notice to members of such  
35 committee in writing designating the time and place at which  
36 such special meeting is to be held and the business which it is

1 proposed to present at such special meeting.

2 (i) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, whenever a  
3 vacancy exists in the office of precinct committeeperson  
4 ~~committeeman~~ because no one was elected to that office or  
5 because the precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ ceases to  
6 reside in the precinct or for any other reason, the chairman of  
7 the county central committee of the appropriate political party  
8 may fill the vacancy in such office by appointment of a  
9 qualified resident of the county and the appointed precinct  
10 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall serve as though elected;  
11 however, no such appointment may be made between the general  
12 primary election and the 30th day after the general primary  
13 election.

14 (j) If the number of Congressional Districts in the State  
15 of Illinois is reduced as a result of reapportionment of  
16 Congressional Districts following a federal decennial census,  
17 the State Central Committeepersons of male gender ~~Committeemen~~  
18 and Committeepersons of female gender ~~Committeewomen~~ of a  
19 political party which elects its State Central Committee by  
20 either Alternative A or by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
21 Section 7-8 who were previously elected shall continue to serve  
22 as if no reapportionment had occurred until the expiration of  
23 their terms.

24 (Source: P.A. 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)

26 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no  
27 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeperson  
28 ~~committeeman~~, or township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or  
29 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or ward committeeperson  
30 ~~committeeman~~ or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate to  
31 national nominating conventions, shall be printed upon the  
32 primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has been filed  
33 in his behalf as provided in this Article in substantially the  
34 following form:

35 We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the

1 .... party and qualified primary electors of the .... party, in  
 2 the .... of ....., in the county of .... and State of Illinois,  
 3 do hereby petition that the following named person or persons  
 4 shall be a candidate or candidates of the .... party for the  
 5 nomination for (or in case of committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ for  
 6 election to) the office or offices hereinafter specified, to be  
 7 voted for at the primary election to be held on (insert date).

8	Name	Office	Address
9	John Jones	Governor	Belvidere, Ill.
10	Thomas Smith	Attorney General	Oakland, Ill.

11 Name..... Address.....

12 State of Illinois)

13 ) ss.

14 County of.....)

15 I, ....., do hereby certify that I reside at No. ....  
 16 street, in the .... of ....., county of ....., and State of  
 17 ....., that I am 18 years of age or older, that I am a citizen  
 18 of the United States, and that the signatures on this sheet  
 19 were signed in my presence, and are genuine, and that to the  
 20 best of my knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at  
 21 the time of signing the petitions qualified voters of the ....  
 22 party, and that their respective residences are correctly  
 23 stated, as above set forth.

24 .....

25 Subscribed and sworn to before me on (insert date).

26 .....

27

28 Each sheet of the petition other than the statement of  
 29 candidacy and candidate's statement shall be of uniform size  
 30 and shall contain above the space for signatures an appropriate  
 31 heading giving the information as to name of candidate or  
 32 candidates, in whose behalf such petition is signed; the  
 33 office, the political party represented and place of residence;

1 and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

2 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors  
3 residing in the political division for which the nomination is  
4 sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the  
5 signature of each signer, his residence address shall be  
6 written or printed. The residence address required to be  
7 written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's  
8 name shall include the street address or rural route number of  
9 the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,  
10 and city, village or town, and state. However the county or  
11 city, village or town, and state of residence of the electors  
12 may be printed on the petition forms where all of the electors  
13 signing the petition reside in the same county or city, village  
14 or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in  
15 writing the residence address, including street number, if any.  
16 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a  
17 circulator statement signed by a person 18 years of age or  
18 older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street  
19 address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as  
20 the county, city, village or town, and state; and certifying  
21 that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed  
22 in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are  
23 genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that  
24 sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last  
25 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that  
26 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90  
27 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and  
28 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief  
29 the persons so signing were at the time of signing the  
30 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a  
31 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before  
32 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

33 No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days  
34 preceding the last day provided in Section 7-12 for the filing  
35 of such petition.

36 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on

1 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any  
2 signature from the petition, provided that:

3 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the  
4 petition at the place where the signature is struck; and

5 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a  
6 certification listing the page number and line number of  
7 each signature struck from the petition. Such  
8 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

9 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened  
10 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and  
11 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable  
12 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.  
13 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end  
14 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition  
15 sheets which are filed with the proper local election  
16 officials, election authorities or the State Board of Elections  
17 shall be the original sheets which have been signed by the  
18 voters and by the circulator thereof, and not photocopies or  
19 duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must include as a part  
20 thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of the candidates  
21 filing, or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This  
22 statement shall set out the address of such candidate, the  
23 office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the  
24 candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which  
25 the petition relates and is qualified for the office specified  
26 (in the case of a candidate for State's Attorney it shall state  
27 that the candidate is at the time of filing such statement a  
28 licensed attorney-at-law of this State), shall state that he  
29 has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing  
30 period) a statement of economic interests as required by the  
31 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the  
32 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot, and shall  
33 be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before some  
34 officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the State  
35 and shall be in substantially the following form:

36 Statement of Candidacy

1	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
2	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
3		Belvidere,			
4		Illinois			

5 State of Illinois)

6 ) ss.

7 County of .....

8 I, ....., being first duly sworn, say that I reside at ....  
9 Street in the city (or village) of ....., in the county of .....,  
10 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a  
11 qualified primary voter of the .... party; that I am a  
12 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of  
13 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ and delegates and alternate  
14 delegates) to the office of .... to be voted upon at the  
15 primary election to be held on (insert date); that I am legally  
16 qualified (including being the holder of any license that may  
17 be an eligibility requirement for the office I seek the  
18 nomination for) to hold such office and that I have filed (or I  
19 will file before the close of the petition filing period) a  
20 statement of economic interests as required by the Illinois  
21 Governmental Ethics Act and I hereby request that my name be  
22 printed upon the official primary ballot for nomination for (or  
23 election to in the case of committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and  
24 delegates and alternate delegates) such office.

25 Signed .....

26 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by .....,  
27 who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

28 Signed .....

29 (Official Character)

30 (Seal, if officer has one.)

31 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added  
32 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation  
33 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election  
34 authority or local election official with whom the petition is

1 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.  
2 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required  
3 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction  
4 thereof shall be punished accordingly.

5 A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must  
6 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on  
7 his or her petition for nomination.

8 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating  
9 convention. If a candidate seeks to run for statewide office or  
10 as a delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating  
11 convention elected from the State at-large, then the  
12 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000  
13 but not more than 10,000 signatures.

14 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a  
15 national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for  
16 United States Congress or as a congressional delegate or  
17 alternate congressional delegate to a national nominating  
18 convention elected from a congressional district, then the  
19 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
20 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary  
21 electors of his or her party in his or her congressional  
22 district. In the first primary election following a  
23 redistricting of congressional districts, a candidate's  
24 petition for nomination must contain at least 600 signatures of  
25 qualified primary electors of the candidate's political party  
26 in his or her congressional district.

27 (c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any  
28 countywide office, including but not limited to county board  
29 chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large  
30 basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's  
31 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
32 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or  
33 her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election  
34 in his or her county. If a candidate seeks to run for county  
35 board member elected from a county board district, then the  
36 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the

1 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary  
2 electors of his or her party in the county board district. In  
3 the first primary election following a redistricting of county  
4 board districts or the initial establishment of county board  
5 districts, a candidate's petition for nomination must contain  
6 at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
7 qualified electors of his or her party in the entire county who  
8 cast votes at the last preceding general election divided by  
9 the total number of county board districts comprising the  
10 county board; provided that in no event shall the number of  
11 signatures be less than 25.

12 (d) County office; Cook County only.

13 (1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office  
14 in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for  
15 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
16 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party  
17 who cast votes at the last preceding general election in  
18 Cook County.

19 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board  
20 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
21 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to  
22 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party  
23 in his or her county board district. In the first primary  
24 election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of  
25 Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for  
26 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures  
27 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party  
28 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding  
29 general election divided by the total number of county  
30 board districts comprising the county board; provided that  
31 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

32 (3) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board  
33 of Review Commissioner, which is elected from a district  
34 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property  
35 Tax Code, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
36 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of

1 the total number of registered voters in his or her board  
2 of review district in the last general election at which a  
3 commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
4 that board of review district. In no event shall the number  
5 of signatures required be greater than the requisite number  
6 for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County  
7 under subsection (d)(1) of this Section. In the first  
8 primary election following a redistricting of Cook County  
9 Board of Review districts, a candidate's petition for  
10 nomination must contain at least 4,000 signatures or at  
11 least the number of signatures required for a countywide  
12 candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the  
13 qualified electors of his or her party in the district.

14 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to  
15 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's  
16 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of  
17 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of  
18 his or her party in the municipality or township. If a  
19 candidate seeks to run for alderman of a municipality, then the  
20 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
21 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary  
22 electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first primary  
23 election following redistricting of aldermanic wards or  
24 trustee districts of a municipality or the initial  
25 establishment of wards or districts, a candidate's petition for  
26 nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to at  
27 least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate  
28 of that political party who received the highest number of  
29 votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election  
30 at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
31 the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or  
32 districts. In no event shall the number of signatures be less  
33 than 25.

34 (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to  
35 run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's  
36 petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures of

1 the primary electors of his or her party of his or her  
2 congressional district.

3 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run  
4 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not  
5 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for  
6 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal  
7 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the  
8 sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a  
9 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards,  
10 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at  
11 least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary  
12 electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary  
13 district. In the first primary election following  
14 redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a  
15 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the  
16 signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward  
17 of that sanitary district.

18 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for  
19 judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition  
20 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to  
21 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the  
22 candidate for his or her political party for the office of  
23 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was  
24 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a  
25 candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or  
26 subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
27 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number  
28 of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her  
29 political party who received the highest number of votes at the  
30 last general election at which a judicial officer from the same  
31 circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected,  
32 but in no event less than 500 signatures.

33 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. If a  
34 candidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the  
35 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10  
36 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the

1 precinct. If a candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson,  
2 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no  
3 less than the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary  
4 electors of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16%  
5 of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of  
6 signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is  
7 greater. If a candidate seeks to run for township  
8 committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
9 must contain no less than the number of signatures equal to 5%  
10 of the primary electors of his or her party of the township,  
11 but no more than 8% of those same electors; provided that the  
12 maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum  
13 number, whichever is greater.

14 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools  
15 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's  
16 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more  
17 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination  
18 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of  
19 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory  
20 comprising the counties.

21 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other  
22 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must  
23 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the  
24 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or  
25 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,  
26 whichever is greater.

27 For purposes of this Section the number of primary electors  
28 shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in the  
29 applicable district, for the candidate for that political party  
30 who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the  
31 last general election in the State at which electors for  
32 President of the United States were elected. For political  
33 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be  
34 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for  
35 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
36 in the political subdivision at the last regular election at

1 which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from  
2 that subdivision. For wards or districts of political  
3 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be  
4 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for  
5 that political party who received the highest number of votes  
6 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which  
7 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward  
8 or district.

9 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign  
10 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one  
11 party.

12 The changes made to this Section of this amendatory Act of  
13 the 93rd General Assembly are declarative of existing law,  
14 except for item (3) of subsection (d).

15 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein  
16 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the  
17 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for  
18 the same or different offices.

19 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

20 (10 ILCS 5/7-12) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-12)

21 Sec. 7-12. All petitions for nomination shall be filed by  
22 mail or in person as follows:

23 (1) Where the nomination is to be made for a State,  
24 congressional, or judicial office, or for any office a  
25 nomination for which is made for a territorial division or  
26 district which comprises more than one county or is partly in  
27 one county and partly in another county or counties, then,  
28 except as otherwise provided in this Section, such petition for  
29 nomination shall be filed in the principal office of the State  
30 Board of Elections not more than 99 and not less than 92 days  
31 prior to the date of the primary, but, in the case of petitions  
32 for nomination to fill a vacancy by special election in the  
33 office of representative in Congress from this State, such  
34 petition for nomination shall be filed in the principal office  
35 of the State Board of Elections not more than 57 days and not

1 less than 50 days prior to the date of the primary.

2 Where a vacancy occurs in the office of Supreme, Appellate  
3 or Circuit Court Judge within the 3-week period preceding the  
4 92nd day before a general primary election, petitions for  
5 nomination for the office in which the vacancy has occurred  
6 shall be filed in the principal office of the State Board of  
7 Elections not more than 78 nor less than 71 days prior to the  
8 date of the general primary election.

9 Where the nomination is to be made for delegates or  
10 alternate delegates to a national nominating convention, then  
11 such petition for nomination shall be filed in the principal  
12 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 99 and not  
13 less than 92 days prior to the date of the primary; provided,  
14 however, that if the rules or policies of a national political  
15 party conflict with such requirements for filing petitions for  
16 nomination for delegates or alternate delegates to a national  
17 nominating convention, the chairman of the State central  
18 committee of such national political party shall notify the  
19 Board in writing, citing by reference the rules or policies of  
20 the national political party in conflict, and in such case the  
21 Board shall direct such petitions to be filed not more than 69  
22 and not less than 62 days prior to the date of the primary.

23 (2) Where the nomination is to be made for a county office  
24 or trustee of a sanitary district then such petition shall be  
25 filed in the office of the county clerk not more than 99 nor  
26 less than 92 days prior to the date of the primary.

27 (3) Where the nomination is to be made for a municipal or  
28 township office, such petitions for nomination shall be filed  
29 in the office of the local election official, not more than 78  
30 nor less than 71 days prior to the date of the primary;  
31 provided, where a municipality's or township's boundaries are  
32 coextensive with or are entirely within the jurisdiction of a  
33 municipal board of election commissioners, the petitions shall  
34 be filed in the office of such board; and provided, that  
35 petitions for the office of multi-township assessor shall be  
36 filed with the election authority.

1           (4) The petitions of candidates for State central  
2 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be filed in the principal  
3 office of the State Board of Elections not more than 99 nor  
4 less than 92 days prior to the date of the primary.

5           (5) Petitions of candidates for precinct, township or ward  
6 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ shall be filed in the office of  
7 the county clerk not more than 99 nor less than 92 days prior  
8 to the date of the primary.

9           (6) The State Board of Elections and the various election  
10 authorities and local election officials with whom such  
11 petitions for nominations are filed shall specify the place  
12 where filings shall be made and upon receipt shall endorse  
13 thereon the day and hour on which each petition was filed. All  
14 petitions filed by persons waiting in line as of 8:00 a.m. on  
15 the first day for filing, or as of the normal opening hour of  
16 the office involved on such day, shall be deemed filed as of  
17 8:00 a.m. or the normal opening hour, as the case may be.  
18 Petitions filed by mail and received after midnight of the  
19 first day for filing and in the first mail delivery or pickup  
20 of that day shall be deemed as filed as of 8:00 a.m. of that day  
21 or as of the normal opening hour of such day, as the case may  
22 be. All petitions received thereafter shall be deemed as filed  
23 in the order of actual receipt. Where 2 or more petitions are  
24 received simultaneously, the State Board of Elections or the  
25 various election authorities or local election officials with  
26 whom such petitions are filed shall break ties and determine  
27 the order of filing, by means of a lottery or other fair and  
28 impartial method of random selection approved by the State  
29 Board of Elections. Such lottery shall be conducted within 9  
30 days following the last day for petition filing and shall be  
31 open to the public. Seven days written notice of the time and  
32 place of conducting such random selection shall be given by the  
33 State Board of Elections to the chairman of the State central  
34 committee of each established political party, and by each  
35 election authority or local election official, to the County  
36 Chairman of each established political party, and to each

1 organization of citizens within the election jurisdiction  
2 which was entitled, under this Article, at the next preceding  
3 election, to have pollwatchers present on the day of election.  
4 The State Board of Elections, election authority or local  
5 election official shall post in a conspicuous, open and public  
6 place, at the entrance of the office, notice of the time and  
7 place of such lottery. The State Board of Elections shall adopt  
8 rules and regulations governing the procedures for the conduct  
9 of such lottery. All candidates shall be certified in the order  
10 in which their petitions have been filed. Where candidates have  
11 filed simultaneously, they shall be certified in the order  
12 determined by lot and prior to candidates who filed for the  
13 same office at a later time.

14 (7) The State Board of Elections or the appropriate  
15 election authority or local election official with whom such a  
16 petition for nomination is filed shall notify the person for  
17 whom a petition for nomination has been filed of the obligation  
18 to file statements of organization, reports of campaign  
19 contributions, and annual reports of campaign contributions  
20 and expenditures under Article 9 of this Act. Such notice shall  
21 be given in the manner prescribed by paragraph (7) of Section  
22 9-16 of this Code.

23 (8) Nomination papers filed under this Section are not  
24 valid if the candidate named therein fails to file a statement  
25 of economic interests as required by the Illinois Governmental  
26 Ethics Act in relation to his candidacy with the appropriate  
27 officer by the end of the period for the filing of nomination  
28 papers unless he has filed a statement of economic interests in  
29 relation to the same governmental unit with that officer within  
30 a year preceding the date on which such nomination papers were  
31 filed. If the nomination papers of any candidate and the  
32 statement of economic interest of that candidate are not  
33 required to be filed with the same officer, the candidate must  
34 file with the officer with whom the nomination papers are filed  
35 a receipt from the officer with whom the statement of economic  
36 interests is filed showing the date on which such statement was

1 filed. Such receipt shall be so filed not later than the last  
2 day on which nomination papers may be filed.

3 (9) Any person for whom a petition for nomination, or for  
4 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or for delegate or alternate  
5 delegate to a national nominating convention has been filed may  
6 cause his name to be withdrawn by request in writing, signed by  
7 him and duly acknowledged before an officer qualified to take  
8 acknowledgments of deeds, and filed in the principal or  
9 permanent branch office of the State Board of Elections or with  
10 the appropriate election authority or local election official,  
11 not later than the date of certification of candidates for the  
12 consolidated primary or general primary ballot. No names so  
13 withdrawn shall be certified or printed on the primary ballot.  
14 If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same person  
15 with respect to more than one political party, his name shall  
16 not be certified nor printed on the primary ballot of any  
17 party. If petitions for nomination have been filed for the same  
18 person for 2 or more offices which are incompatible so that the  
19 same person could not serve in more than one of such offices if  
20 elected, that person must withdraw as a candidate for all but  
21 one of such offices within the 5 business days following the  
22 last day for petition filing. If he fails to withdraw as a  
23 candidate for all but one of such offices within such time his  
24 name shall not be certified, nor printed on the primary ballot,  
25 for any office. For the purpose of the foregoing provisions, an  
26 office in a political party is not incompatible with any other  
27 office.

28 (10) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
29 statute, no primary shall be held for an established  
30 political party in any township, municipality, or ward  
31 thereof, where the nomination of such party for every  
32 office to be voted upon by the electors of such township,  
33 municipality, or ward thereof, is uncontested. Whenever a  
34 political party's nomination of candidates is uncontested  
35 as to one or more, but not all, of the offices to be voted  
36 upon by the electors of a township, municipality, or ward

1       thereof, then a primary shall be held for that party in  
2       such township, municipality, or ward thereof; provided  
3       that the primary ballot shall not include those offices  
4       within such township, municipality, or ward thereof, for  
5       which the nomination is uncontested. For purposes of this  
6       Article, the nomination of an established political party  
7       of a candidate for election to an office shall be deemed to  
8       be uncontested where not more than the number of persons to  
9       be nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
10      seeking the nomination of such party for election to such  
11      office.

12       (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other  
13      statute, no primary election shall be held for an  
14      established political party for any special primary  
15      election called for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the  
16      office of representative in the United States Congress  
17      where the nomination of such political party for said  
18      office is uncontested. For the purposes of this Article,  
19      the nomination of an established political party of a  
20      candidate for election to said office shall be deemed to be  
21      uncontested where not more than the number of persons to be  
22      nominated have timely filed valid nomination papers  
23      seeking the nomination of such established party for  
24      election to said office. This subsection (b) shall not  
25      apply if such primary election is conducted on a regularly  
26      scheduled election day.

27       (c) Notwithstanding the provisions in subparagraph (a)  
28      and (b) of this paragraph (10), whenever a person who has  
29      not timely filed valid nomination papers and who intends to  
30      become a write-in candidate for a political party's  
31      nomination for any office for which the nomination is  
32      uncontested files a written statement or notice of that  
33      intent with the State Board of Elections or the local  
34      election official with whom nomination papers for such  
35      office are filed, a primary ballot shall be prepared and a  
36      primary shall be held for that office. Such statement or

1 notice shall be filed on or before the date established in  
2 this Article for certifying candidates for the primary  
3 ballot. Such statement or notice shall contain (i) the name  
4 and address of the person intending to become a write-in  
5 candidate, (ii) a statement that the person is a qualified  
6 primary elector of the political party from whom the  
7 nomination is sought, (iii) a statement that the person  
8 intends to become a write-in candidate for the party's  
9 nomination, and (iv) the office the person is seeking as a  
10 write-in candidate. An election authority shall have no  
11 duty to conduct a primary and prepare a primary ballot for  
12 any office for which the nomination is uncontested unless a  
13 statement or notice meeting the requirements of this  
14 Section is filed in a timely manner.

15 (11) If multiple sets of nomination papers are filed for a  
16 candidate to the same office, the State Board of Elections,  
17 appropriate election authority or local election official  
18 where the petitions are filed shall within 2 business days  
19 notify the candidate of his or her multiple petition filings  
20 and that the candidate has 3 business days after receipt of the  
21 notice to notify the State Board of Elections, appropriate  
22 election authority or local election official that he or she  
23 may cancel prior sets of petitions. If the candidate notifies  
24 the State Board of Elections, appropriate election authority or  
25 local election official, the last set of petitions filed shall  
26 be the only petitions to be considered valid by the State Board  
27 of Elections, election authority or local election official. If  
28 the candidate fails to notify the State Board of Elections,  
29 election authority or local election official then only the  
30 first set of petitions filed shall be valid and all subsequent  
31 petitions shall be void.

32 (12) All nominating petitions shall be available for public  
33 inspection and shall be preserved for a period of not less than  
34 6 months.

35 (Source: P.A. 86-867; 86-873; 86-875; 86-1028; 86-1089;  
36 87-1052.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/7-13) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-13)

2 Sec. 7-13. The board of election commissioners in cities of  
3 500,000 or more population having such board, shall constitute  
4 an electoral board for the hearing and passing upon objections  
5 to nomination petitions for ward committeepersons  
6 ~~committeemen~~.

7 Such objections shall be filed in the office of the county  
8 clerk not less than 81 days prior to the primary. The objection  
9 shall state the name and address of the objector, who may be  
10 any qualified elector in the ward, the specific grounds of  
11 objection and the relief requested of the electoral board. Upon  
12 the receipt of the objection, the county clerk shall forthwith  
13 transmit such objection and the petition of the candidate to  
14 the board of election commissioners. The board of election  
15 commissioners shall forthwith notify the objector and  
16 candidate objected to of the time and place for hearing hereon.  
17 After a hearing upon the validity of such objections, the board  
18 shall, not less than 74 days prior to the date of the primary,  
19 certify to the county clerk, its decision stating whether or  
20 not the name of the candidate shall be printed on the ballot  
21 and the county clerk in his or her certificate to the board of  
22 election commissioners shall leave off of the certificate the  
23 name of the candidate for ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~  
24 that the election commissioners order not to be printed on the  
25 ballot. However, the decision of the board of election  
26 commissioners is subject to judicial review as provided in  
27 Section 10-10.1.

28 The county electoral board composed as provided in Section  
29 10-9 shall constitute an electoral board for the hearing and  
30 passing upon objections to nomination petitions for precinct  
31 and township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~. Such objections  
32 shall be filed in the office of the county clerk not less than  
33 81 days prior to the primary. The objection shall state the  
34 name and address of the objector who may be any qualified  
35 elector in the precinct or in the township or part of a

1 township that lies outside of a city having a population of  
2 500,000 or more, the specific grounds of objection and the  
3 relief requested of the electoral board. Upon the receipt of  
4 the objection the county clerk shall forthwith transmit such  
5 objection and the petition of the candidate to the chairman of  
6 the county electoral board. The chairman of the county  
7 electoral board shall forthwith notify the objector, the  
8 candidate whose petition is objected to and the other members  
9 of the electoral board of the time and place for hearing  
10 thereon. After hearing upon the validity of such objections the  
11 board shall, not less than 74 days prior to the date of the  
12 primary, certify its decision to the county clerk stating  
13 whether or not the name of the candidate shall be printed on  
14 the ballot, and the county clerk, in his or her certificate to  
15 the board of election commissioners, shall leave off of the  
16 certificate the name of the candidate ordered by the board not  
17 to be printed on the ballot, and the county clerk shall also  
18 refrain from printing on the official primary ballot, the name  
19 of any candidate whose name has been ordered by the electoral  
20 board not to be printed on the ballot. However, the decision of  
21 the board is subject to judicial review as provided in Section  
22 10-10.1.

23 In such proceedings the electoral boards have the same  
24 powers as other electoral boards under the provisions of  
25 Section 10-10 of this Act and their decisions are subject to  
26 judicial review under Section 10-10.1.

27 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

28 (10 ILCS 5/7-17) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-17)

29 Sec. 7-17. Candidate ballot name procedures.

30 (a) Each election authority in each county shall cause to  
31 be printed upon the general primary ballot of each party for  
32 each precinct in his jurisdiction the name of each candidate  
33 whose petition for nomination or for committeeperson  
34 ~~committeeman~~ has been filed in the office of the county clerk,  
35 as herein provided; and also the name of each candidate whose

1 name has been certified to his office by the State Board of  
2 Elections, and in the order so certified, except as hereinafter  
3 provided.

4 It shall be the duty of the election authority to cause to  
5 be printed upon the consolidated primary ballot of each  
6 political party for each precinct in his jurisdiction the name  
7 of each candidate whose name has been certified to him, as  
8 herein provided and which is to be voted for in such precinct.

9 (b) In the designation of the name of a candidate on the  
10 primary ballot the candidate's given name or names, initial or  
11 initials, a nickname by which the candidate is commonly known,  
12 or a combination thereof, may be used in addition to the  
13 candidate's surname. No other designation such as a political  
14 slogan, title, or degree, or nickname suggesting or implying  
15 possession of a title, degree or professional status, or  
16 similar information may be used in connection with the  
17 candidate's surname, except that the title "Mrs." may be used  
18 in the case of a married woman. For purposes of this Section, a  
19 "political slogan" is defined as any word or words expressing  
20 or connoting a position, opinion, or belief that the candidate  
21 may espouse, including but not limited to, any word or words  
22 conveying any meaning other than that of the personal identity  
23 of the candidate. A candidate may not use a political slogan as  
24 part of his or her name on the ballot, notwithstanding that the  
25 political slogan may be part of the candidate's name.

26 (c) The State Board of Elections, a local election  
27 official, or an election authority shall remove any candidate's  
28 name designation from a ballot that is inconsistent with  
29 subsection (b) of this Section. In addition, the State Board of  
30 Elections, a local election official, or an election authority  
31 shall not certify to any election authority any candidate name  
32 designation that is inconsistent with subsection (b) of this  
33 Section.

34 (d) If the State Board of Elections, a local election  
35 official, or an election authority removes a candidate's name  
36 designation from a ballot under subsection (c) of this Section,

1 then the aggrieved candidate may seek appropriate relief in  
2 circuit court.

3 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03.)

4 (10 ILCS 5/7-19) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-19)

5 Sec. 7-19. The primary ballot of each political party for  
6 each precinct shall be arranged and printed substantially in  
7 the manner following:

8 1. Designating words. At the top of the ballot shall be  
9 printed in large capital letters, words designating the ballot,  
10 if a Republican ballot, the designating words shall be:  
11 "REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT"; if a Democratic ballot the  
12 designating words shall be: "DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT"; and in  
13 like manner for each political party.

14 2. Order of Names, Directions to Voters, etc. Beginning not  
15 less than one inch below designating words, the name of each  
16 office to be filled shall be printed in capital letters. Such  
17 names may be printed on the ballot either in a single column or  
18 in 2 or more columns and in the following order, to-wit:

19 President of the United States, State offices,  
20 congressional offices, delegates and alternate delegates to be  
21 elected from the State at large to National nominating  
22 conventions, delegates and alternate delegates to be elected  
23 from congressional districts to National nominating  
24 conventions, member or members of the State central committee,  
25 trustees of sanitary districts, county offices, judicial  
26 officers, city, village and incorporated town offices, town  
27 offices, or of such of the said offices as candidates are to be  
28 nominated for at such primary, and precinct, township or ward  
29 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~. If two or more columns are used,  
30 the foregoing offices to and including member of the State  
31 central committee shall be listed in the left-hand column and  
32 Senatorial offices, as defined in Section 8-3, shall be the  
33 first offices listed in the second column.

34 Below the name of each office shall be printed in small  
35 letters the directions to voters: "Vote for one"; "Vote for

1 two"; "Vote for three"; or a spelled number designating how  
2 many persons under that head are to be voted for.

3 Next to the name of each candidate for delegate or  
4 alternate delegate to a national nominating convention shall  
5 appear either (a) the name of the candidate's preference for  
6 President of the United States or the word "uncommitted" or (b)  
7 no official designation, depending upon the action taken by the  
8 State central committee pursuant to Section 7-10.3 of this Act.

9 Below the name of each office shall be printed in capital  
10 letters the names of all candidates, arranged in the order in  
11 which their petitions for nominations were filed, except as  
12 otherwise provided in Sections 7-14 and 7-17 of this Article.  
13 Opposite and in front of the name of each candidate shall be  
14 printed a square and all squares upon the primary ballot shall  
15 be of uniform size. Spaces between the names of candidates  
16 under each office shall be uniform and sufficient spaces shall  
17 separate the names of candidates for one office from the names  
18 of candidates for another office, to avoid confusion and to  
19 permit the writing in of the names of other candidates.

20 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
21 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
22 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever  
23 is applicable.

24 (Source: P.A. 83-33.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/7-25) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-25)

26 Sec. 7-25. The tally sheets for each political party  
27 participating in the primary election shall be substantially in  
28 the following form:

29 "Tally sheet for ....(name of political party) for the ....  
30 precinct, in the county of .... for a primary held on the ....  
31 day of .... A.D. ...."

32 The names of candidates for nomination and for State  
33 central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township, and precinct  
34 and ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and  
35 alternate delegates to National nominating conventions, shall

1 be placed on the tally sheets of each political party by the  
2 primary judges, in the order in which they appear on the  
3 ballot.

4 (Source: Laws 1957, p. 1450.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/7-46) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-46)

6 Sec. 7-46. On receiving from the primary judges a primary  
7 ballot of his party, the primary elector shall forthwith and  
8 without leaving the polling place, retire alone to one of the  
9 voting booths and prepare such primary ballot by marking a  
10 cross (X) in the square in front of and opposite the name of  
11 each candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, and  
12 for delegates and alternate delegates to national nominating  
13 conventions, and for committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, if  
14 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are being elected at such  
15 primary.

16 Any primary elector may, instead of voting for any  
17 candidate for nomination or for committeeperson ~~committeeman~~  
18 or for delegate or alternate delegate to national nominating  
19 conventions, whose name is printed on the primary ballot, write  
20 in the name of any other person affiliated with such party as a  
21 candidate for the nomination for any office, or for  
22 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or for delegates or alternate  
23 delegates to national nominating conventions, and indicate his  
24 choice of such candidate or committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or  
25 delegate or alternate delegate, by placing to the left of and  
26 opposite the name thus written a square and placing in the  
27 square a cross (X).

28 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
29 used, the provisions of this section may be modified as  
30 required or authorized by Article 24 or Article 24A, whichever  
31 is applicable.

32 (Source: Laws 1965, p. 2220.)

33 (10 ILCS 5/7-51) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-51)

34 Sec. 7-51. If the primary elector marks more names upon the

1 primary ballot than there are persons to be nominated as  
2 candidates for an office, or for State central committeepersons  
3 ~~committeemen~~, or precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or  
4 township committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or ward  
5 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, or delegates or alternate  
6 delegates to National nominating conventions, or if for any  
7 reason it is impossible to determine the primary elector's  
8 choice of a candidate for the nomination for an office, or  
9 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or delegate, his primary ballot  
10 shall not be counted for the nomination for such office or  
11 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.

12 No primary ballot, without the endorsement of the judge's  
13 initials thereon, shall be counted.

14 No judge shall omit to endorse his initials on a primary  
15 ballot, as required by this Article, nor shall any person not  
16 authorized so to do initial a primary ballot knowing that he is  
17 not so authorized.

18 Primary ballots not counted shall be marked "defective" on  
19 the back thereof; and primary ballots to which objections have  
20 been made by either of the primary judges or challengers shall  
21 be marked "objected to" on the back thereof; and a memorandum,  
22 signed by the primary judges, stating how it was counted, shall  
23 be written on the back of each primary ballot so marked; and  
24 all primary ballots marked "defective" or "objected to" shall  
25 be enclosed in an envelope and securely sealed, and so marked  
26 and endorsed as to clearly disclose its contents. The envelope  
27 to be used for enclosing ballots marked "defective" or  
28 "objected to" shall bear upon its face, in not less than 1 1/2  
29 inch type, the legend: "This envelope is for use after 6:00  
30 P.M. only." The envelope to be used for enclosing ballots  
31 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote shall bear upon its  
32 face, in not less than 1 1/2 inch type, the legend: "This  
33 envelope is for use before 6:00 P.M. only."

34 All primary ballots not voted, and all that have been  
35 spoiled by voters while attempting to vote, shall be returned  
36 to the proper election authority by the primary judges, and a

1 receipt taken therefor, and shall be preserved 2 months. Such  
 2 official shall keep a record of the number of primary ballots  
 3 delivered for each polling place, and he or they shall also  
 4 enter upon such record the number and character of primary  
 5 ballots returned, with the time when and the persons by whom  
 6 they are returned.

7 (Source: P.A. 80-1469.)

8 (10 ILCS 5/7-53) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-53)

9 Sec. 7-53. As soon as the ballots of a political party  
 10 shall have been read and the votes of the political party  
 11 counted, as provided in the last above section, the 3 judges in  
 12 charge of the tally sheets shall foot up the tally sheets so as  
 13 to show the total number of votes cast for each candidate of  
 14 the political party and for each candidate for State Central  
 15 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ and precinct committeeperson  
 16 ~~committeeman~~, township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or ward  
 17 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, and delegate and alternate  
 18 delegate to National nominating conventions, and certify the  
 19 same to be correct. Thereupon, the primary judges shall set  
 20 down in a certificate of results on the tally sheet, under the  
 21 name of the political party, the name of each candidate voted  
 22 for upon the primary ballot, written at full length, the name  
 23 of the office for which he is a candidate for nomination or for  
 24 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, or delegate or alternate  
 25 delegate to National nominating conventions, the total number  
 26 of votes which the candidate received, and they shall also set  
 27 down the total number of ballots voted by the primary electors  
 28 of the political party in the precinct. The certificate of  
 29 results shall be made substantially in the following form:

30 ..... Party

31 At the primary election held in the .... precinct of the  
 32 (1) \*township of ....., or (2) \*City of ....., or (3) \*.... ward  
 33 in the city of .... on (insert date), the primary electors of  
 34 the .... party voted .... ballots, and the respective  
 35 candidates whose names were written or printed on the primary

1 ballot of the .... party, received respectively the following  
2 votes:

3	Name of		No. of
4	Candidate,	Title of Office,	Votes
5	John Jones	Governor	100
6	Sam Smith	Governor	70
7	Frank Martin	Attorney General	150
8	William Preston	Rep. in Congress	200
9	Frederick John	Circuit Judge	50

10 \*Fill in either (1), (2) or (3).

11 And so on for each candidate.

12 We hereby certify the above and foregoing to be true and  
13 correct.

14 Dated (insert date).

15 .....

16 Name Address

17 .....

18 Name Address

19 .....

20 Name Address

21 .....

22 Name Address

23 .....

24 Name Address

25 Judges of Primary

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27 Where voting machines or electronic voting systems are  
28 used, the provisions of this Section may be modified as  
29 required or authorized by Article 24 and Article 24A, whichever  
30 is applicable.

31 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

32 (10 ILCS 5/7-56) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-56)

33 Sec. 7-56. As soon as complete returns are delivered to the  
34 proper election authority, the returns shall be canvassed for

1 all primary elections as follows. The election authority acting  
2 as the canvassing board pursuant to Section 1-8 of this Code  
3 shall also open and canvass the returns of a primary. Upon the  
4 completion of the canvass of the returns by the election  
5 authority, the election authority shall make a tabulated  
6 statement of the returns for each political party separately,  
7 stating in appropriate columns and under proper headings, the  
8 total number of votes cast in said county for each candidate  
9 for nomination or election by said party, including candidates  
10 for President of the United States and for State central  
11 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and for delegates and alternate  
12 delegates to National nominating conventions, and for precinct  
13 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons  
14 ~~committeemen~~, and for ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~.  
15 Within 2 days after the completion of said canvass by the  
16 election authority, the county clerk shall mail to the State  
17 Board of Elections a certified copy of such tabulated statement  
18 of returns. The election authority ~~said officers~~ shall also  
19 determine and set down as to each precinct the number of  
20 ballots voted by the primary electors of each party at the  
21 primary.

22 In the case of the nomination or election of candidates for  
23 offices, including President of the United States and the State  
24 central committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and  
25 alternate delegates to National nominating conventions,  
26 certified tabulated statement of returns for which are filed  
27 with the State Board of Elections, said returns shall be  
28 canvassed by the election authority. And, provided, further,  
29 that within 5 days after said returns shall be canvassed by the  
30 said Board, the Board shall cause to be published in one daily  
31 newspaper of general circulation at the seat of the State  
32 government in Springfield a certified statement of the returns  
33 filed in its office, showing the total vote cast in the State  
34 for each candidate of each political party for President of the  
35 United States, and showing the total vote for each candidate of  
36 each political party for President of the United States, cast

1 in each of the several congressional districts in the State.

2 Within 48 hours of conducting a canvass, as required by  
3 this Code, of the consolidated primary, the election authority  
4 shall deliver an original certificate of results to each local  
5 election official, with respect to whose political  
6 subdivisions nominations were made at such primary, for each  
7 precinct in his jurisdiction in which such nominations were on  
8 the ballot. Such original certificate of results need not  
9 include any offices or nominations for any other political  
10 subdivisions. ~~21~~

11 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 94-647, eff. 1-1-06;  
12 revised 8-29-05.)

13 (10 ILCS 5/7-58) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-58)

14 Sec. 7-58. Each county clerk or board of election  
15 commissioners shall, upon completion of the canvassing of the  
16 returns, make and transmit to the State Board of Elections and  
17 to each election authority whose duty it is to print the  
18 official ballot for the election for which the nomination is  
19 made a proclamation of the results of the primary. The  
20 proclamation shall state the name of each candidate of each  
21 political party so nominated or elected, as shown by the  
22 returns, together with the name of the office for which he or  
23 she was nominated or elected, including precinct, township and  
24 ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and including in the case  
25 of the State Board of Elections, candidates for State central  
26 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and alternate  
27 delegates to National nominating conventions. If a notice of  
28 contest is filed, the election authority shall, within one  
29 business day after receiving a certified copy of the court's  
30 judgment or order, amend its proclamation accordingly and  
31 proceed to file an amended proclamation with the appropriate  
32 election authorities and with the State Board of Elections.

33 The State Board of Elections shall issue a certificate of  
34 election to each of the persons shown by the returns and the  
35 proclamation thereof to be elected State central

1 ~~committeemen~~, and delegates and alternate  
2 delegates to National nomination conventions; and the county  
3 clerk shall issue a certificate of election to each person  
4 shown by the returns to be elected precinct, township or ward  
5 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~. The certificate issued to such  
6 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall state the number  
7 of ballots voted in his or her precinct by the primary electors  
8 of his or her party at the primary at which he or she was  
9 elected. The certificate issued to such township  
10 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall state the number of ballots  
11 voted in his or her township or part of a township, as the case  
12 may be, by the primary electors of his or her party at the  
13 primary at which he or she was elected. The certificate issued  
14 to such ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall state the  
15 number of ballots voted in his or her ward by the primary  
16 electors of his or her party at the primary at which he or she  
17 was elected.

18 (Source: P.A. 94-647, eff. 1-1-06.)

19 (10 ILCS 5/7-59) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-59)

20 Sec. 7-59. (a) The person receiving the highest number of  
21 votes at a primary as a candidate of a party for the nomination  
22 for an office shall be the candidate of that party for such  
23 office, and his name as such candidate shall be placed on the  
24 official ballot at the election then next ensuing; provided,  
25 that where there are two or more persons to be nominated for  
26 the same office or board, the requisite number of persons  
27 receiving the highest number of votes shall be nominated and  
28 their names shall be placed on the official ballot at the  
29 following election.

30 Except as otherwise provided by Section 7-8 of this Act,  
31 the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party  
32 for State central committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his  
33 congressional district shall be declared elected State central  
34 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from said congressional district.

35 Unless a national political party specifies that delegates

1 and alternate delegates to a National nominating convention be  
2 allocated by proportional selection representation according  
3 to the results of a Presidential preference primary, the  
4 requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of  
5 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to  
6 National nominating conventions from the State at large, and  
7 the requisite number of persons receiving the highest number of  
8 votes of their party for delegates and alternate delegates to  
9 National nominating conventions in their respective  
10 congressional districts shall be declared elected delegates  
11 and alternate delegates to the National nominating conventions  
12 of their party.

13 A political party which elects the members to its State  
14 Central Committee by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
15 Section 7-8 shall select its congressional district delegates  
16 and alternate delegates to its national nominating convention  
17 by proportional selection representation according to the  
18 results of a Presidential preference primary in each  
19 congressional district in the manner provided by the rules of  
20 the national political party and the State Central Committee,  
21 when the rules and policies of the national political party so  
22 require.

23 A political party which elects the members to its State  
24 Central Committee by Alternative B under paragraph (a) of  
25 Section 7-8 shall select its at large delegates and alternate  
26 delegates to its national nominating convention by  
27 proportional selection representation according to the results  
28 of a Presidential preference primary in the whole State in the  
29 manner provided by the rules of the national political party  
30 and the State Central Committee, when the rules and policies of  
31 the national political party so require.

32 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his  
33 party for precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his  
34 precinct shall be declared elected precinct committeeperson  
35 ~~committeeman~~ from said precinct.

36 The person receiving the highest number of votes of his

1 party for township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his  
2 township or part of a township as the case may be, shall be  
3 declared elected township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from  
4 said township or part of a township as the case may be. In  
5 cities where ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are elected,  
6 the person receiving the highest number of votes of his party  
7 for ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of his ward shall be  
8 declared elected ward committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ from said  
9 ward.

10 When two or more persons receive an equal and the highest  
11 number of votes for the nomination for the same office or for  
12 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of the same political party, or  
13 where more than one person of the same political party is to be  
14 nominated as a candidate for office or committeeperson  
15 ~~committeeman~~, if it appears that more than the number of  
16 persons to be nominated for an office or elected  
17 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ have the highest and an equal  
18 number of votes for the nomination for the same office or for  
19 election as committeeperson ~~committeeman~~, the election  
20 authority by which the returns of the primary are canvassed  
21 shall decide by lot which of said persons shall be nominated or  
22 elected, as the case may be. In such case the election  
23 authority shall issue notice in writing to such persons of such  
24 tie vote stating therein the place, the day (which shall not be  
25 more than 5 days thereafter) and the hour when such nomination  
26 or election shall be so determined.

27 (b) Write-in votes shall be counted only for persons who  
28 have filed notarized declarations of intent to be write-in  
29 candidates with the proper election authority or authorities  
30 not later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday immediately preceding  
31 the primary.

32 Forms for the declaration of intent to be a write-in  
33 candidate shall be supplied by the election authorities. Such  
34 declaration shall specify the office for which the person seeks  
35 nomination or election as a write-in candidate.

36 The election authority or authorities shall deliver a list

1 of all persons who have filed such declarations to the election  
2 judges in the appropriate precincts prior to the primary.

3 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
4 Section, where the number of candidates whose names have been  
5 printed on a party's ballot for nomination for or election to  
6 an office at a primary is less than the number of persons the  
7 party is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the  
8 primary, a person whose name was not printed on the party's  
9 primary ballot as a candidate for nomination for or election to  
10 the office, is not nominated for or elected to that office as a  
11 result of a write-in vote at the primary unless the number of  
12 votes he received equals or exceeds the number of signatures  
13 required on a petition for nomination for that office; or  
14 unless the number of votes he receives exceeds the number of  
15 votes received by at least one of the candidates whose names  
16 were printed on the primary ballot for nomination for or  
17 election to the same office.

18 (2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not apply where  
19 the number of candidates whose names have been printed on the  
20 party's ballot for nomination for or election to the office at  
21 the primary equals or exceeds the number of persons the party  
22 is entitled to nominate for or elect to the office at the  
23 primary.

24 (Source: P.A. 94-647, eff. 1-1-06.)

25 (10 ILCS 5/8-5) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-5)

26 Sec. 8-5. There shall be constituted one legislative  
27 committee for each political party in each legislative district  
28 and one representative committee for each political party in  
29 each representative district. Legislative and representative  
30 committees shall be composed as follows:

31 In legislative or representative districts within or  
32 including a portion of any county containing 2,000,000 or more  
33 inhabitants, the legislative or representative committee of a  
34 political party shall consist of the committeepersons  
35 ~~committeemen~~ of such party representing each township or ward

1 of such county any portion of which township or ward is  
2 included within such legislative or representative district  
3 and the chairman of each county central committee of such party  
4 of any county containing less than 2,000,000 inhabitants any  
5 portion of which county is included within such legislative or  
6 representative district.

7 In the remainder of the State, the legislative or  
8 representative committee of a political party shall consist of  
9 the chairman of each county central committee of such party,  
10 any portion of which county is included within such legislative  
11 or representative district; but if a legislative or  
12 representative district comprises only one county, or part of a  
13 county, its legislative or representative committee shall  
14 consist of the chairman of the county central committee and 2  
15 members of the county central committee who reside in the  
16 legislative or representative district, as the case may be,  
17 elected by the county central committee.

18 Within 180 days after the primary of the even-numbered year  
19 immediately following the decennial redistricting required by  
20 Section 3 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution of 1970,  
21 the ward committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township  
22 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ or chairmen of county central  
23 committees within each of the redistricted legislative and  
24 representative districts shall meet and proceed to organize by  
25 electing from among their own number a chairman and, either  
26 from among their own number or otherwise, such other officers  
27 as they may deem necessary or expedient. The ward  
28 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~, township committeepersons  
29 ~~committeemen~~ or chairmen of county central committees shall  
30 determine the time and place (which shall be in the limits of  
31 such district) of such meeting. Immediately upon completion of  
32 organization, the chairman shall forward to the State Board of  
33 Elections the names and addresses of the chairman and secretary  
34 of the committee. A vacancy shall occur when a member dies,  
35 resigns or ceases to reside in the county, township or ward  
36 which he represented.

1           Within 180 days after the primary of each other  
2 even-numbered year, each legislative committee and  
3 representative committee shall meet and proceed to organize by  
4 electing from among its own number a chairman, and either from  
5 its own number or otherwise, such other officers as each  
6 committee may deem necessary or expedient. Immediately upon  
7 completion of organization, the chairman shall forward to the  
8 State Board of Elections, the names and addresses of the  
9 chairman and secretary of the committee. The outgoing chairman  
10 of such committee shall notify the members of the time and  
11 place (which shall be in the limits of such district) of such  
12 meeting. A vacancy shall occur when a member dies, resigns, or  
13 ceases to reside in the county, township or ward, which he  
14 represented.

15           If any change is made in the boundaries of any precinct,  
16 township or ward, the committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ previously  
17 elected therefrom shall continue to serve, as if no boundary  
18 change had occurred, for the purpose of acting as a member of a  
19 legislative or representative committee until his successor is  
20 elected or appointed.

21           (Source: P.A. 84-352.)

22           (10 ILCS 5/8-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-6)

23           Sec. 8-6. In legislative or representative districts  
24 wholly contained within counties having 2,000,000 or more  
25 inhabitants each member of each legislative or representative  
26 committee shall in its organization and proceedings be entitled  
27 to one vote for each ballot voted in that portion of his  
28 township or ward in the legislative or representative district  
29 by the primary electors of his party at the last primary at  
30 which members of the General Assembly were nominated. If a  
31 portion of the legislative or representative district is within  
32 a county containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants then each  
33 legislative or representative committee member shall be  
34 entitled to vote as follows: (a) in the portion of the district  
35 lying within a county of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, each

1 ~~committeeperson~~ ~~committeeman~~ shall be entitled to one vote for  
2 each ballot voted in that portion of his township or ward in  
3 the legislative or representative district by primary electors  
4 of his party at the last primary at which township or ward  
5 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ were elected; (b) in the portion  
6 of the district lying outside a county of 2,000,000 or more  
7 inhabitants, each chairman of a county central committee shall  
8 be entitled to one vote for each ballot voted in that portion  
9 of his county in the legislative or representative district by  
10 the primary electors of his party at the last primary at which  
11 members of the General Assembly were nominated. In the  
12 remainder of the State, each member shall be entitled to cast  
13 one vote for each ballot voted in that portion of his county in  
14 the legislative or representative district by the primary  
15 electors of his party at the last primary at which members of  
16 the General Assembly were nominated. However, in counties under  
17 2,000,000 population, if the legislative or representative  
18 district comprises only one county, or part of a county, each  
19 legislative or representative committee member shall be  
20 entitled to cast one vote.

21 (Source: P.A. 84-1308.)

22 (10 ILCS 5/8-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 8-7)

23 Sec. 8-7. The various political party committees now in  
24 existence are hereby recognized and shall exercise the powers  
25 and perform the duties herein prescribed until  
26 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ are chosen, in accordance with  
27 the provisions of this article.

28 (Source: Laws 1943, vol. 2, p. 1.)

29 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.3) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.3)

30 Sec. 9-1.3. "Candidate" means any person who seeks  
31 nomination for election, election to or retention in public  
32 office, or any person who seeks election as ward or township  
33 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more  
34 population, whether or not such person is elected. A person

1 seeks nomination for election, election or retention if he (1)  
2 takes the action necessary under the laws of this State to  
3 attempt to qualify for nomination for election, election to or  
4 retention in public office or election as ward or township  
5 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more  
6 population, or (2) receives contributions or makes  
7 expenditures, or gives consent for any other person to receive  
8 contributions or make expenditures with a view to bringing  
9 about his nomination for election or election to or retention  
10 in public office, or his or her election as ward or township  
11 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more  
12 population.

13 (Source: P.A. 89-405, eff. 11-8-95.)

14 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.4) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.4)

15 Sec. 9-1.4. "Contribution" means-

16 (1) a gift, subscription, donation, dues, loan, advance, or  
17 deposit of money or anything of value, knowingly received in  
18 connection with the nomination for election, or election, of  
19 any person to public office, in connection with the election of  
20 any person as ward or township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in  
21 counties of 3,000,000 or more population, or in connection with  
22 any question of public policy;

23 (1.5) a gift, subscription, donation, dues, loan, advance,  
24 deposit of money, or anything of value that constitutes an  
25 electioneering communication regardless of whether the  
26 communication is made in concert or cooperation with or at the  
27 request, suggestion, or knowledge of a candidate, a candidate's  
28 authorized local political committee, a State political  
29 committee, a political committee in support of or opposition to  
30 a question of public policy, or any of their agents;

31 (2) the purchase of tickets for fund-raising events,  
32 including but not limited to dinners, luncheons, cocktail  
33 parties, and rallies made in connection with the nomination for  
34 election, or election, of any person to public office, in  
35 connection with the election of any person as ward or township

1 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more  
2 population, or in connection with any question of public  
3 policy;

4 (3) a transfer of funds between political committees; and

5 (4) the services of an employee donated by an employer, in  
6 which case the contribution shall be listed in the name of the  
7 employer, except that any individual services provided  
8 voluntarily and without promise or expectation of compensation  
9 from any source shall not be deemed a contribution; but

10 (5) does not include--

11 (a) the use of real or personal property and the cost  
12 of invitations, food, and beverages, voluntarily provided  
13 by an individual in rendering voluntary personal services  
14 on the individual's residential premises for  
15 candidate-related activities; provided the value of the  
16 service provided does not exceed an aggregate of \$150 in a  
17 reporting period;

18 (b) the sale of any food or beverage by a vendor for  
19 use in a candidate's campaign at a charge less than the  
20 normal comparable charge, if such charge for use in a  
21 candidate's campaign is at least equal to the cost of such  
22 food or beverage to the vendor.

23 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.5) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.5)

25 Sec. 9-1.5. Expenditure defined.

26 "Expenditure" means-

27 (1) a payment, distribution, purchase, loan, advance,  
28 deposit, or gift of money or anything of value, in connection  
29 with the nomination for election, or election, of any person to  
30 public office, in connection with the election of any person as  
31 ward or township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of  
32 3,000,000 or more population, or in connection with any  
33 question of public policy. "Expenditure" also includes a  
34 payment, distribution, purchase, loan, advance, deposit, or  
35 gift of money or anything of value that constitutes an

1 electioneering communication regardless of whether the  
2 communication is made in concert or cooperation with or at the  
3 request, suggestion, or knowledge of a candidate, a candidate's  
4 authorized local political committee, a State political  
5 committee, a political committee in support of or opposition to  
6 a question of public policy, or any of their agents. However,  
7 expenditure does not include -

8 (a) the use of real or personal property and the cost  
9 of invitations, food, and beverages, voluntarily provided  
10 by an individual in rendering voluntary personal services  
11 on the individual's residential premises for  
12 candidate-related activities; provided the value of the  
13 service provided does not exceed an aggregate of \$150 in a  
14 reporting period;

15 (b) the sale of any food or beverage by a vendor for  
16 use in a candidate's campaign at a charge less than the  
17 normal comparable charge, if such charge for use in a  
18 candidate's campaign is at least equal to the cost of such  
19 food or beverage to the vendor.

20 (2) a transfer of funds between political committees.

21 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 93-615, eff. 11-19-03;  
22 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

23 (10 ILCS 5/9-1.7) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-1.7)

24 Sec. 9-1.7. "Local political committee" means the  
25 candidate himself or any individual, trust, partnership,  
26 committee, association, corporation, or other organization or  
27 group of persons which:

28 (a) accepts contributions or grants or makes  
29 expenditures during any 12-month period in an aggregate  
30 amount exceeding \$3,000 on behalf of or in opposition to a  
31 candidate or candidates for public office who are required  
32 by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act to file statements  
33 of economic interests with the county clerk, or on behalf  
34 of or in opposition to a candidate or candidates for  
35 election to the office of ward or township committeeperson

1 ~~committeeman~~ in counties of 3,000,000 or more population;

2 (b) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during  
3 any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000  
4 in support of or in opposition to any question of public  
5 policy to be submitted to the electors of an area  
6 encompassing no more than one county;

7 (c) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during  
8 any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000  
9 and has as its primary purpose the furtherance of  
10 governmental, political or social values, is organized on a  
11 not-for-profit basis, and which publicly endorses or  
12 publicly opposes a candidate or candidates for public  
13 office who are required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics  
14 Act to file statements of economic interest with the County  
15 Clerk or a candidate or candidates for the office of ward  
16 or township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ in counties of  
17 3,000,000 or more population; or

18 (d) accepts contributions or makes expenditures during  
19 any 12-month period in an aggregate amount exceeding \$3,000  
20 for electioneering communications relating to any  
21 candidate or candidates described in paragraph (a) or any  
22 question of public policy described in paragraph (b).

23 (Source: P.A. 93-847, eff. 7-30-04.)

24 (10 ILCS 5/9-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 9-15)

25 Sec. 9-15. It shall be the duty of the Board-

26 (1) to develop prescribed forms for notice to political  
27 committees of their obligations under this Article and for  
28 identification of persons examining statements or reports  
29 filed under this Article, and to supply such forms, and the  
30 forms for filing statements of organization, reports of  
31 campaign contributions, and annual reports of campaign  
32 contributions and expenditures to the appropriate persons and  
33 election authorities;

34 (2) to prepare, publish, and furnish to the appropriate  
35 persons and election authorities a manual of instructions

1 setting forth recommended uniform methods of bookkeeping and  
2 reporting under this Article;

3 (3) to prescribe suitable rules and regulations to carry  
4 out the provisions of this Article. Such rules and regulations  
5 shall be published and made available to the public at  
6 reasonable cost. The Board may determine which of its  
7 prescribed rules and regulations shall be binding on the county  
8 clerks in carrying out their duties under this Article;

9 (4) to send by first class mail, after the general primary  
10 election in even numbered years, to the chairman of each  
11 regularly constituted State central committee, county central  
12 committee and, in counties with a population of more than  
13 3,000,000, to the committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of each  
14 township and ward organization of each political party notice  
15 of their obligations under this Article, along with a form for  
16 filing the statement of organization.

17 (Source: P.A. 86-873.)

18 (10 ILCS 5/10-2) (from Ch. 46, par. 10-2)

19 Sec. 10-2. The term "political party", as hereinafter used  
20 in this Article 10, shall mean any "established political  
21 party", as hereinafter defined and shall also mean any  
22 political group which shall hereafter undertake to form an  
23 established political party in the manner provided for in this  
24 Article 10: Provided, that no political organization or group  
25 shall be qualified as a political party hereunder, or given a  
26 place on a ballot, which organization or group is associated,  
27 directly or indirectly, with Communist, Fascist, Nazi or other  
28 un-American principles and engages in activities or propaganda  
29 designed to teach subservience to the political principles and  
30 ideals of foreign nations or the overthrow by violence of the  
31 established constitutional form of government of the United  
32 States and the State of Illinois.

33 A political party which, at the last general election for  
34 State and county officers, polled for its candidate for  
35 Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for Governor, is

1 hereby declared to be an "established political party" as to  
2 the State and as to any district or political subdivision  
3 thereof.

4 A political party which, at the last election in any  
5 congressional district, legislative district, county,  
6 township, municipality or other political subdivision or  
7 district in the State, polled more than 5% of the entire vote  
8 cast within such territorial area or political subdivision, as  
9 the case may be, has voted as a unit for the election of  
10 officers to serve the respective territorial area of such  
11 district or political subdivision, is hereby declared to be an  
12 "established political party" within the meaning of this  
13 Article as to such district or political subdivision.

14 Any group of persons hereafter desiring to form a new  
15 political party throughout the State, or in any congressional,  
16 legislative or judicial district, or in any other district or  
17 in any political subdivision (other than a municipality) not  
18 entirely within a single county, shall file with the State  
19 Board of Elections a petition, as hereinafter provided; and any  
20 such group of persons hereafter desiring to form a new  
21 political party within any county shall file such petition with  
22 the county clerk; and any such group of persons hereafter  
23 desiring to form a new political party within any municipality  
24 or township or within any district of a unit of local  
25 government other than a county shall file such petition with  
26 the local election official or Board of Election Commissioners  
27 of such municipality, township or other unit of local  
28 government, as the case may be. Any such petition for the  
29 formation of a new political party throughout the State, or in  
30 any such district or political subdivision, as the case may be,  
31 shall declare as concisely as may be the intention of the  
32 signers thereof to form such new political party in the State,  
33 or in such district or political subdivision; shall state in  
34 not more than 5 words the name of such new political party;  
35 shall at the time of filing contain a complete list of  
36 candidates of such party for all offices to be filled in the

1 State, or such district or political subdivision as the case  
2 may be, at the next ensuing election then to be held; and, if  
3 such new political party shall be formed for the entire State,  
4 shall be signed by 1% of the number of voters who voted at the  
5 next preceding Statewide general election or 25,000 qualified  
6 voters, whichever is less. If such new political party shall be  
7 formed for any district or political subdivision less than the  
8 entire State, such petition shall be signed by qualified voters  
9 equaling in number not less than 5% of the number of voters who  
10 voted at the next preceding regular election in such district  
11 or political subdivision in which such district or political  
12 subdivision voted as a unit for the election of officers to  
13 serve its respective territorial area. However, whenever the  
14 minimum signature requirement for a district or political  
15 subdivision new political party petition shall exceed the  
16 minimum number of signatures for State-wide new political party  
17 petitions at the next preceding State-wide general election,  
18 such State-wide petition signature requirement shall be the  
19 minimum for such district or political subdivision new  
20 political party petition.

21 For the first election following a redistricting of  
22 congressional districts, a petition to form a new political  
23 party in a congressional district shall be signed by at least  
24 5,000 qualified voters of the congressional district. For the  
25 first election following a redistricting of legislative  
26 districts, a petition to form a new political party in a  
27 legislative district shall be signed by at least 3,000  
28 qualified voters of the legislative district. For the first  
29 election following a redistricting of representative  
30 districts, a petition to form a new political party in a  
31 representative district shall be signed by at least 1,500  
32 qualified voters of the representative district.

33 For the first election following redistricting of county  
34 board districts, or of municipal wards or districts, or for the  
35 first election following the initial establishment of such  
36 districts or wards in a county or municipality, a petition to

1 form a new political party in a county board district or in a  
2 municipal ward or district shall be signed by qualified voters  
3 of the district or ward equal to not less than 5% of the total  
4 number of votes cast at the preceding general or municipal  
5 election, as the case may be, for the county or municipal  
6 office voted on throughout the county or municipality for which  
7 the greatest total number of votes were cast for all  
8 candidates, divided by the number of districts or wards, but in  
9 any event not less than 25 qualified voters of the district or  
10 ward.

11 In the case of a petition to form a new political party  
12 within a political subdivision in which officers are to be  
13 elected from districts and at-large, such petition shall  
14 consist of separate components for each district from which an  
15 officer is to be elected. Each component shall be circulated  
16 only within a district of the political subdivision and signed  
17 only by qualified electors who are residents of such district.  
18 Each sheet of such petition must contain a complete list of the  
19 names of the candidates of the party for all offices to be  
20 filled in the political subdivision at large, but the sheets  
21 comprising each component shall also contain the names of those  
22 candidates to be elected from the particular district. Each  
23 component of the petition for each district from which an  
24 officer is to be elected must be signed by qualified voters of  
25 the district equalling in number not less than 5% of the number  
26 of voters who voted at the next preceding regular election in  
27 such district at which an officer was elected to serve the  
28 district. The entire petition, including all components, must  
29 be signed by a total of qualified voters of the entire  
30 political subdivision equalling in number not less than 5% of  
31 the number of voters who voted at the next preceding regular  
32 election in such political subdivision at which an officer was  
33 elected to serve the political subdivision at large.

34 The filing of such petition shall constitute the political  
35 group a new political party, for the purpose only of placing  
36 upon the ballot at such next ensuing election such list or an

1 adjusted list in accordance with Section 10-11, of party  
2 candidates for offices to be voted for throughout the State, or  
3 for offices to be voted for in such district or political  
4 subdivision less than the State, as the case may be, under the  
5 name of and as the candidates of such new political party.

6 If, at such ensuing election, the new political party's  
7 candidate for Governor shall receive more than 5% of the entire  
8 votes cast for Governor, then such new political party shall  
9 become an "established political party" as to the State and as  
10 to every district or political subdivision thereof. If, at such  
11 ensuing election, the other candidates of the new political  
12 party, or any other candidate or candidates of the new  
13 political party shall receive more than 5% of all the votes  
14 cast for the office or offices for which they were candidates  
15 at such election, in the State, or in any district or political  
16 subdivision, as the case may be, then and in that event, such  
17 new political party shall become an "established political  
18 party" within the State or within such district or political  
19 subdivision less than the State, as the case may be, in which  
20 such candidate or candidates received more than 5% of the votes  
21 cast for the office or offices for which they were candidates.  
22 It shall thereafter nominate its candidates for public offices  
23 to be filled in the State, or such district or political  
24 subdivision, as the case may be, under the provisions of the  
25 laws regulating the nomination of candidates of established  
26 political parties at primary elections and political party  
27 conventions, as now or hereafter in force.

28 A political party which continues to receive for its  
29 candidate for Governor more than 5% of the entire vote cast for  
30 Governor, shall remain an "established political party" as to  
31 the State and as to every district or political subdivision  
32 thereof. But if the political party's candidate for Governor  
33 fails to receive more than 5% of the entire vote cast for  
34 Governor, or if the political party does not nominate a  
35 candidate for Governor, the political party shall remain an  
36 "established political party" within the State or within such

1 district or political subdivision less than the State, as the  
2 case may be, only so long as, and only in those districts or  
3 political subdivisions in which, the candidates of that  
4 political party, or any candidate or candidates of that  
5 political party, continue to receive more than 5% of all the  
6 votes cast for the office or offices for which they were  
7 candidates at succeeding general or consolidated elections  
8 within the State or within any district or political  
9 subdivision, as the case may be.

10 Any such petition shall be filed at the same time and shall  
11 be subject to the same requirements and to the same provisions  
12 in respect to objections thereto and to any hearing or hearings  
13 upon such objections that are hereinafter in this Article 10  
14 contained in regard to the nomination of any other candidate or  
15 candidates by petition. If any such new political party shall  
16 become an "established political party" in the manner herein  
17 provided, the candidate or candidates of such new political  
18 party nominated by the petition hereinabove referred to for  
19 such initial election, shall have power to select any such  
20 party committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons  
21 ~~committeemen~~ as shall be necessary for the creation of a  
22 provisional party organization and provisional managing  
23 committee or committees for such party within the State, or in  
24 any district or political subdivision in which the new  
25 political party has become established; and the party  
26 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~  
27 so selected shall constitute a provisional party organization  
28 for the new political party and shall have and exercise the  
29 powers conferred by law upon any party committeeperson  
30 ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ to manage and  
31 control the affairs of such new political party until the next  
32 ensuing primary election at which the new political party shall  
33 be entitled to nominate and elect any party committeeperson  
34 ~~committeeman~~ or committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ in the State, or  
35 in such district or political subdivision under any parts of  
36 this Act relating to the organization of political parties.

1 A candidate for whom a nomination paper has been filed as a  
2 partisan candidate at a primary election, and who is defeated  
3 for his or her nomination at the primary election, is  
4 ineligible for nomination as a candidate of a new political  
5 party for election in that general election.

6 (Source: P.A. 86-875.)

7 (10 ILCS 5/11-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 11-6)

8 Sec. 11-6. Within 60 days of the effective date of this  
9 amendatory Act of 1983, each election authority shall transmit  
10 to the principal office of the State Board of Elections maps  
11 showing the current boundaries of all the precincts within its  
12 jurisdiction. Whenever election precincts in an election  
13 jurisdiction have been redivided or readjusted, the county  
14 board or board of election commissioners shall prepare maps  
15 showing such election precinct boundaries no later than 45 days  
16 before the next scheduled election. The maps, or transparent  
17 overlays, shall show the boundaries of all political  
18 subdivisions and districts. The county board or board of  
19 election commissioners shall immediately forward copies  
20 thereof to the chairman of each county central committee in the  
21 county, to each township, ward or precinct committeeperson  
22 ~~committeeman~~ and each local election official whose political  
23 subdivision is wholly or partly in the county and, upon  
24 request, shall furnish copies thereof to each candidate for  
25 political or public office in the county and shall transmit  
26 copies thereof to the principal office of the State Board of  
27 Elections.

28 (Source: P.A. 84-861.)

29 (10 ILCS 5/13-4) (from Ch. 46, par. 13-4)

30 Sec. 13-4. Qualifications.

31 (a) All persons elected or chosen judge of election must:  
32 (1) be citizens of the United States and entitled to vote at  
33 the next election, except as provided in subsection (b); (2) be  
34 of good repute and character; (3) be able to speak, read and

1 write the English language; (4) be skilled in the four  
2 fundamental rules of arithmetic; (5) be of good understanding  
3 and capable; (6) not be candidates for any office at the  
4 election and not be elected committeepersons ~~committeemen~~; and  
5 (7) reside in the precinct in which they are selected to act,  
6 except that in each precinct, not more than one judge of each  
7 party may be appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge  
8 selected to serve in any precinct in which he is not entitled  
9 to vote must reside within and be entitled to vote elsewhere  
10 within the county which encompasses the precinct in which such  
11 judge is appointed. Such judge must meet the other  
12 qualifications of this Section.

13 (b) An election authority may establish a program to permit  
14 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an  
15 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the  
16 person serves as a judge, he or she:

17 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

18 (2) is a senior in good standing enrolled in a public  
19 or private secondary school;

20 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
21 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

22 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the  
23 secondary school he or she attends at the time of  
24 appointment;

25 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or  
26 legal guardian;

27 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
28 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1 and  
29 13-2.2; and

30 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
31 service as an election judge.

32 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
33 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
34 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
35 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
36 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

1 Students appointed as election judges under this  
2 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
3 day they serve as judges.

4 (Source: P.A. 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

5 (10 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 46, par. 14-1)

6 Sec. 14-1. (a) The board of election commissioners  
7 established or existing under Article 6 shall, at the time and  
8 in the manner provided in Section 14-3.1, select and choose 5  
9 persons, men or women, as judges of election for each precinct  
10 in such city, village or incorporated town.

11 Where neither voting machines nor electronic, mechanical  
12 or electric voting systems are used, the board of election  
13 commissioners may, for any precinct with respect to which the  
14 board considers such action necessary or desirable in view of  
15 the number of voters, and shall for general elections for any  
16 precinct containing more than 600 registered voters, appoint in  
17 addition to the 5 judges of election a team of 5 tally judges.  
18 In such precincts the judges of election shall preside over the  
19 election during the hours the polls are open, and the tally  
20 judges, with the assistance of the holdover judges designated  
21 pursuant to Section 14-5.2, shall count the vote after the  
22 closing of the polls. The tally judges shall possess the same  
23 qualifications and shall be appointed in the same manner and  
24 with the same division between political parties as is provided  
25 for judges of election. The foregoing provisions relating to  
26 the appointment of tally judges are inapplicable in counties  
27 with a population of 1,000,000 or more.

28 (b) To qualify as judges the persons must:

29 (1) be citizens of the United States;

30 (2) be of good repute and character;

31 (3) be able to speak, read and write the English  
32 language;

33 (4) be skilled in the 4 fundamental rules of  
34 arithmetic;

35 (5) be of good understanding and capable;

1 (6) not be candidates for any office at the election  
2 and not be elected committeepersons ~~committeemen~~;

3 (7) reside and be entitled to vote in the precinct in  
4 which they are selected to serve, except that in each  
5 precinct not more than one judge of each party may be  
6 appointed from outside such precinct. Any judge so  
7 appointed to serve in any precinct in which he is not  
8 entitled to vote must be entitled to vote elsewhere within  
9 the county which encompasses the precinct in which such  
10 judge is appointed and such judge must otherwise meet the  
11 qualifications of this Section.

12 (c) An election authority may establish a program to permit  
13 a person who is not entitled to vote to be appointed as an  
14 election judge if, as of the date of the election at which the  
15 person serves as a judge, he or she:

16 (1) is a U.S. citizen;

17 (2) is a senior in good standing enrolled in a public  
18 or private secondary school;

19 (3) has a cumulative grade point average equivalent to  
20 at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;

21 (4) has the written approval of the principal of the  
22 secondary school he or she attends at the time of  
23 appointment;

24 (5) has the written approval of his or her parent or  
25 legal guardian;

26 (6) has satisfactorily completed the training course  
27 for judges of election described in Sections 13-2.1,  
28 13-2.2, and 14-4.1; and

29 (7) meets all other qualifications for appointment and  
30 service as an election judge.

31 No more than one election judge qualifying under this  
32 subsection may serve per political party per precinct. Prior to  
33 appointment, a judge qualifying under this subsection must  
34 certify in writing to the election authority the political  
35 party the judge chooses to affiliate with.

36 Students appointed as election judges under this

1 subsection shall not be counted as absent from school on the  
2 day they serve as judges.

3 (d) The board of election commissioners may select 2  
4 additional judges of election, one from each of the major  
5 political parties, for each 200 voters in excess of 600 in any  
6 precinct having more than 600 voters as authorized by Section  
7 11--3. These additional judges must meet the qualifications  
8 prescribed in this Section.

9 (Source: P.A. 91-352, eff. 1-1-00.)

10 (10 ILCS 5/22-15) (from Ch. 46, par. 22-15)

11 Sec. 22-15. The election authority shall, upon request, and  
12 by mail if so requested, furnish free of charge to any  
13 candidate for any office, whose name appeared upon the ballot  
14 within the jurisdiction of the election authority, a copy of  
15 the abstract of votes by precinct or ward for all candidates  
16 for the office for which such person was a candidate. Such  
17 abstract shall be furnished no later than 2 days after the  
18 receipt of the request or 8 days after the completing of the  
19 canvass, whichever is later.

20 Within one calendar day following the canvass and  
21 proclamation of each general primary election and general  
22 election, each election authority shall transmit to the  
23 principal office of the State Board of Elections copies of the  
24 abstracts of votes by precinct or ward for the offices of ward,  
25 township, and precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ via  
26 overnight mail so that the abstract of votes arrives at the  
27 address the following calendar day. Each election authority  
28 shall also transmit to the principal office of the State Board  
29 of Elections copies of current precinct poll lists.

30 (Source: P.A. 93-574, eff. 8-21-03; 94-645, eff. 8-22-05;  
31 94-647, eff. 1-1-06; revised 8-29-05.)

32 (10 ILCS 5/25-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 25-6)

33 Sec. 25-6. (a) When a vacancy occurs in the office of State  
34 Senator or Representative in the General Assembly, the vacancy

1 shall be filled within 30 days by appointment of the  
2 legislative or representative committee of that legislative or  
3 representative district of the political party of which the  
4 incumbent was a candidate at the time of his election. The  
5 appointee shall be a member of the same political party as the  
6 person he succeeds was at the time of his election, and shall  
7 be otherwise eligible to serve as a member of the General  
8 Assembly. The appropriate legislative or representative  
9 committee shall declare that a vacancy exists and notification  
10 thereof shall be given to the State Board of Elections, the  
11 Secretary of State, and the Clerk of the House of  
12 Representatives or the Secretary of the Senate, whichever is  
13 appropriate, within 3 days of the occurrence of the vacancy.

14 (b) When a vacancy occurs in the office of a legislator  
15 elected other than as a candidate of a political party, the  
16 vacancy shall be filled within 30 days of such occurrence by  
17 appointment of the Governor. The appointee shall not be a  
18 member of a political party, and shall be otherwise eligible to  
19 serve as a member of the General Assembly. Provided, however,  
20 the appropriate body of the General Assembly may, by  
21 resolution, allow a legislator elected other than as a  
22 candidate of a political party to affiliate with a political  
23 party for his term of office in the General Assembly. A vacancy  
24 occurring in the office of any such legislator who affiliates  
25 with a political party pursuant to resolution shall be filled  
26 within 30 days of such occurrence by appointment of the  
27 appropriate legislative or representative committee of that  
28 legislative or representative district of the political party  
29 with which the legislator so affiliates. The appointee shall be  
30 a member of the political party with which the incumbent  
31 affiliated.

32 (c) For purposes of this Section, a person is a member of a  
33 political party for 23 months after (i) signing a candidate  
34 petition, as to the political party whose nomination is sought;  
35 (ii) signing a statement of candidacy, as to the political  
36 party where nomination or election is sought; (iii) signing a

1 Petition of Political Party Formation, as to the proposed  
2 political party; (iv) applying for and receiving a primary  
3 ballot, as to the political party whose ballot is received; or  
4 (v) becoming a candidate for election to or accepting  
5 appointment to the office of ward, township, precinct or state  
6 central committeeperson ~~committeeman~~.

7 (d) In making appointments under this Section, each  
8 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of the appropriate legislative or  
9 representative committee shall be entitled to one vote for each  
10 vote that was received, in that portion of the legislative or  
11 representative district which he represents on the committee,  
12 by the Senator or Representative whose seat is vacant at the  
13 general election at which that legislator was elected to the  
14 seat which has been vacated and a majority of the total number  
15 of votes received in such election by the Senator or  
16 Representative whose seat is vacant is required for the  
17 appointment of his successor; provided, however, that in making  
18 appointments in legislative or representative districts  
19 comprising only one county or part of a county other than a  
20 county containing 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, each  
21 committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ shall be entitled to cast only one  
22 vote.

23 (e) Appointments made under this Section shall be in  
24 writing and shall be signed by members of the legislative or  
25 representative committee whose total votes are sufficient to  
26 make the appointments or by the Governor, as the case may be.  
27 Such appointments shall be filed with the Secretary of State  
28 and with the Clerk of the House of Representatives or the  
29 Secretary of the Senate, whichever is appropriate.

30 (f) An appointment made under this Section shall be for the  
31 remainder of the term, except that, if the appointment is to  
32 fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator and the vacancy  
33 occurs with more than 28 months remaining in the term, the term  
34 of the appointment shall expire at the time of the next general  
35 election at which time a Senator shall be elected for a new  
36 term commencing on the determination of the results of the

1 election and ending on the second Wednesday of January in the  
2 second odd-numbered year next occurring. Whenever a Senator has  
3 been appointed to fill a vacancy and was thereafter elected to  
4 that office, the term of service under the authority of the  
5 election shall be considered a new term of service, separate  
6 from the term of service rendered under the authority of the  
7 appointment.

8 (Source: P.A. 85-958.)

9 Section 10. The Township Code is amended by changing  
10 Sections 45-15, 45-25, 45-50, and 45-55 as follows:

11 (60 ILCS 1/45-15)

12 Sec. 45-15. Township central committee. The township  
13 central committee of the township, which is hereby created for  
14 the purposes of this Code, shall consist of (i) in all counties  
15 of 3,000,000 or less, the elected or appointed precinct  
16 committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ of each established political  
17 party within the township or (ii) in counties of 3,000,000 or  
18 more, the elected or appointed township committeepersons  
19 ~~committeemen~~ of each established political party. The  
20 committee, by a majority of those voting, shall promulgate  
21 rules of procedure under Section 45-50.

22 (Source: P.A. 85-694; 88-62.)

23 (60 ILCS 1/45-25)

24 Sec. 45-25. Caucus in multi-township district.

25 (a) On the second Wednesday in January preceding the date  
26 of any election at which township officers are to be elected, a  
27 caucus shall be held by the voters of each established  
28 political party in a multi-township district to nominate its  
29 candidates for township assessor.

30 (b) For purposes of this Code, the multi-township central  
31 committee of each established political party shall consist of  
32 the elected or appointed precinct committeepersons  
33 ~~committeemen~~ of each established political party within the

1 multi-township district and shall promulgate rules of  
2 procedure under Section 45-50.

3 (c) The multi-township central committee of each  
4 established political party shall cause notices of the caucuses  
5 to be published. The notices shall state the time and place  
6 where the caucus for each established political party will be  
7 held within the multi-township district and shall be published  
8 in a newspaper of general circulation in the district 10 days  
9 before the caucuses are held. Not less than 30 days before the  
10 caucus, the multi-township clerk shall notify the chairman or  
11 membership of each multi-township central committee by  
12 first-class mail of the chairman's or membership's obligation  
13 to report the time and location of the political party's  
14 caucus. Not less than 20 days before the caucus, each chairman  
15 of the multi-township central committee shall notify the  
16 multi-township clerk by first-class mail of the time and  
17 location of the political party's caucus. If the time and  
18 location of 2 or more political party caucuses conflict, the  
19 multi-township clerk shall establish, by a fair and impartial  
20 public lottery, the time and location for each caucus.

21 (d) The result of the election shall be canvassed in the  
22 manner provided by the general election law.

23 (e) The chairman of the multi-township central committee  
24 shall, not more than 78 nor less than 71 days before the  
25 multi-township election, file nomination papers as provided in  
26 this Section. The nomination papers shall consist of (i) a  
27 certification by the chairman of the names of all candidates  
28 for office in the township nominated at the caucus and (ii) a  
29 statement of candidacy by each candidate in the form prescribed  
30 in the general election law. The nomination papers shall be  
31 filed in the office of the election authority. The election  
32 shall be conducted in accordance with the general election law.

33 (Source: P.A. 85-694; 88-62.)

34 (60 ILCS 1/45-50)

35 Sec. 45-50. Caucus procedures.

1 (a) The rules of procedure for conducting a township or  
2 multi-township caucus must be approved and may be amended by a  
3 majority vote of the qualified participants attending the  
4 caucus. No participant shall be able to participate or vote at  
5 any township or multi-township caucus if the person is or was  
6 at anytime during the 12 months before the caucus any of the  
7 following:

8 (1) An elected or appointed public official of another  
9 established political party.

10 (2) An elected or appointed officer, director,  
11 precinct committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ or representative of  
12 the township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ of another  
13 established political party.

14 (3) A judge of election under Article 13 or 14 of the  
15 Election Code for another statewide established political  
16 party.

17 (4) A voter who voted in the primary election of  
18 another statewide established political party different  
19 from the party holding the caucus.

20 (b) The rules of procedure shall include the following:

21 (1) No caucus shall commence earlier than 6:00 p.m.

22 (2) The caucus shall commence at the place specified in  
23 the notice of caucus.

24 (3) Procedures by which qualified caucus participants  
25 determine by a majority vote the duties of caucus judges of  
26 election. Caucus judges of election shall be appointed by a  
27 majority vote of the township or multi-township central  
28 committee. No judge of the Supreme Court, appellate court,  
29 or circuit court or associate judge shall serve as a caucus  
30 judge of election.

31 (4) Nominations for selection as a candidate shall be  
32 accepted from any qualified participant of the caucus.

33 (5) The method of voting (i.e., written ballot, voice  
34 vote, show of hands, standing vote) for determining the  
35 candidate or candidates selected for nomination.

1           (6) Whether candidates will be selected as a slate or  
2 as individual nominees for each office.

3           (7) Whether written notice of intent to be a caucus  
4 nominee is required.

5           (8) Other rules deemed necessary by the central  
6 committee at the time the rules are promulgated or by the  
7 majority of the qualified caucus participants when the  
8 rules are being considered at their meeting.

9           (c) Individuals participating at an established political  
10 party township or multi-township caucus shall comply with each  
11 of the following:

12           (1) A participant shall be registered under Article 4,  
13 5, or 6 of the Election Code.

14           (2) A participant shall be registered within the  
15 territory for which the nomination is made.

16           (3) A participant shall sign an affidavit that he or  
17 she is a registered voter and affiliated with the  
18 established political party holding the caucus.

19           (4) A participant shall not take part in the  
20 proceedings of more than one established political party  
21 township and multi-township caucus for the same election.  
22 This requirement also applies to the township and  
23 multi-township clerks.

24           (5) A participant shall not sign a petition of  
25 nomination for an independent or new political party  
26 candidate for the same election.

27           (6) A participant shall not become an independent  
28 candidate or a candidate of another established political  
29 party or a new political party for the same election.

30           (d) The voters participating at an established political  
31 party township or multi-township caucus shall not select for  
32 nomination more candidates than there are to be elected for  
33 each office.

34           (e) No candidate for nomination at a township or  
35 multi-township caucus shall be required to do either of the  
36 following:

1 (1) Circulate and file nominating petitions to become a  
2 candidate at the caucus.

3 (2) File a fee to become a candidate at the caucus.

4 (Source: P.A. 92-119, eff. 1-1-02.)

5 (60 ILCS 1/45-55)

6 Sec. 45-55. Nomination by primary election. In (i) counties  
7 having a population of more than 3,000,000, the township  
8 central committee of a political party composed of the elected  
9 township committeeperson ~~committeeman~~ and his or her appointed  
10 precinct committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ and (ii) townships with  
11 a population of more than 15,000 in counties with a population  
12 of 3,000,000 or less, the township central committee of a  
13 political party composed of the precinct committeepersons  
14 ~~committeemen~~ may, with respect to any regular township  
15 election, determine that its candidates for township offices  
16 shall be nominated by primary in accordance with the general  
17 election law, rather than in the manner provided in Sections  
18 45-5 through 45-45. If the township central committee makes  
19 that determination, it must file a statement of the  
20 determination with the county clerk no later than November 15  
21 preceding the township election. If the township or any part of  
22 the township is within the jurisdiction of a board of election  
23 commissioners, the township central committee shall promptly  
24 notify the board of election commissioners of the  
25 determination. Upon the filing of the determination by the  
26 township central committee of a political party, the provisions  
27 of the general election law shall govern the nomination of  
28 candidates of that political party for township offices for the  
29 election with respect to which the determination was made.

30 (Source: P.A. 82-783; 88-62.)

31 Section 15. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
32 3A-6 as follows:

33 (105 ILCS 5/3A-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 3A-6)

1           Sec. 3A-6. Election of Superintendent for consolidated  
2 region - Bond - Vacancies in any educational service region.

3           (a) The regional superintendent to be elected under Section  
4 3A-5 shall be elected at the time provided in the general  
5 election law and must possess the qualifications described in  
6 Section 3-1 of this Act.

7           (b) The bond required under Section 3-2 shall be filed in  
8 the office of the county clerk in the county where the regional  
9 office is situated, and a certified copy of that bond shall be  
10 filed in the office of the county clerk in each of the other  
11 counties in the region.

12           (c) When a vacancy occurs in the office of regional  
13 superintendent of schools of any educational service region  
14 which is not located in a county which is a home rule unit,  
15 such vacancy shall be filled within 60 days (i) by appointment  
16 of the chairman of the county board, with the advice and  
17 consent of the county board, when such vacancy occurs in a  
18 single county educational service region; or (ii) by  
19 appointment of a committee composed of the chairmen of the  
20 county boards of those counties comprising the affected  
21 educational service region when such vacancy occurs in a  
22 multicounty educational service region, each committeeperson  
23 ~~committeeman~~ to be entitled to one vote for each vote that was  
24 received in the county represented by such committeeperson  
25 ~~committeeman~~ on the committee by the regional superintendent of  
26 schools whose office is vacant at the last election at which a  
27 regional superintendent was elected to such office, and the  
28 person receiving the highest number of affirmative votes from  
29 the committeepersons ~~committeemen~~ for such vacant office to be  
30 deemed the person appointed by such committee to fill the  
31 vacancy. The appointee shall be a member of the same political  
32 party as the regional superintendent of schools the appointee  
33 succeeds was at the time such regional superintendent of  
34 schools last was elected. The appointee shall serve for the  
35 remainder of the term. However, if more than 28 months remain  
36 in that term, the appointment shall be until the next general

1 election, at which time the vacated office shall be filled by  
2 election for the remainder of the term. Nominations shall be  
3 made and any vacancy in nomination shall be filled as follows:

4 (1) If the vacancy in office occurs before the first  
5 date provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for  
6 filing nomination papers for county offices for the primary  
7 in the next even-numbered year following commencement of  
8 the term of office in which the vacancy occurs, nominations  
9 for the election for filling the vacancy shall be made  
10 pursuant to Article 7 of the Election Code.

11 (2) If the vacancy in office occurs during the time  
12 provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for filing  
13 nomination papers for county offices for the primary in the  
14 next even-numbered year following commencement of the term  
15 of office in which the vacancy occurs, the time for filing  
16 nomination papers for the primary shall not be more than 91  
17 days nor less than 85 days prior to the date of the  
18 primary.

19 (3) If the vacancy in office occurs after the last day  
20 provided in Section 7-12 of the Election Code for filing  
21 nomination papers for county offices for the primary in the  
22 next even-numbered year following commencement of the term  
23 of office in which the vacancy occurs, a vacancy in  
24 nomination shall be deemed to have occurred and the county  
25 central committee of each established political party (if  
26 the vacancy occurs in a single county educational service  
27 region) or the multi-county educational service region  
28 committee of each established political party (if the  
29 vacancy occurs in a multi-county educational service  
30 region) shall nominate, by resolution, a candidate to fill  
31 the vacancy in nomination for election to the office at the  
32 general election. In the nomination proceedings to fill the  
33 vacancy in nomination, each member of the county central  
34 committee or the multi-county educational service region  
35 committee, whichever applies, shall have the voting  
36 strength as set forth in Section 7-8 or 7-8.02 of the

1 Election Code, respectively. The name of the candidate so  
2 nominated shall not appear on the ballot at the general  
3 primary election. The vacancy in nomination shall be filled  
4 prior to the date of certification of candidates for the  
5 general election.

6 (4) The resolution to fill the vacancy shall be duly  
7 acknowledged before an officer qualified to take  
8 acknowledgments of deeds and shall include, upon its face,  
9 the following information: (A) the name of the original  
10 nominee and the office vacated; (B) the date on which the  
11 vacancy occurred; and (C) the name and address of the  
12 nominee selected to fill the vacancy and the date of  
13 selection. The resolution to fill the vacancy shall be  
14 accompanied by a statement of candidacy, as prescribed in  
15 Section 7-10 of the Election Code, completed by the  
16 selected nominee, a certificate from the State Board of  
17 Education, as prescribed in Section 3-1 of this Code, and a  
18 receipt indicating that the nominee has filed a statement  
19 of economic interests as required by the Illinois  
20 Governmental Ethics Act.

21 The provisions of Sections 10-8 through 10-10.1 of the Election  
22 Code relating to objections to nomination papers, hearings on  
23 objections, and judicial review shall also apply to and govern  
24 objections to nomination papers and resolutions for filling  
25 vacancies in nomination filed pursuant to this Section. Unless  
26 otherwise specified in this Section, the nomination and  
27 election provided for in this Section is governed by the  
28 general election law.

29 Except as otherwise provided by applicable county  
30 ordinance or by law, if a vacancy occurs in the office of  
31 regional superintendent of schools of an educational service  
32 region that is located in a county that is a home rule unit and  
33 that has a population of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, that  
34 vacancy shall be filled by the county board of such home rule  
35 county.

36 Until July 1, 2003 or until the regional superintendent of

1 schools elected in 2002 takes office, whichever occurs first,  
2 if a vacancy exists in the office of regional superintendent of  
3 schools of an educational service region that is located in a  
4 county that is a home rule unit and that has a population of  
5 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, then that vacancy shall be  
6 filled by the first assistant superintendent/deputy  
7 superintendent until the end of the term to which the regional  
8 superintendent was elected.

9 Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of  
10 regional superintendent of schools of any educational service  
11 region must possess the qualifications required to be elected  
12 to the position of regional superintendent of schools, and  
13 shall obtain a certificate of eligibility from the State  
14 Superintendent of Education and file same with the county clerk  
15 of the county in which the regional superintendent's office is  
16 located.

17 If the regional superintendent of schools is called into  
18 the active military service of the United States, his office  
19 shall not be deemed to be vacant, but a temporary appointment  
20 shall be made as in the case of a vacancy. The appointee shall  
21 perform all the duties of the regional superintendent of  
22 schools during the time the regional superintendent of schools  
23 is in the active military service of the United States, and  
24 shall be paid the same compensation apportioned as to the time  
25 of service, and such appointment and all authority thereunder  
26 shall cease upon the discharge of the regional superintendent  
27 of schools from such active military service. The appointee  
28 shall give the same bond as is required of a regularly elected  
29 regional superintendent of schools.

30 (Source: P.A. 92-277, eff. 8-7-01; 92-869, eff. 1-3-03.)